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Ambulance Fees Being Pondered

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Staff

Town Manager Reid S. Charles has received a recommendation from the Ambulance Study Committee to establish a fee for the transportation of town residents to hospitals and/or emergency medical facilities. Charles appointed the committee in 1986. The Fire Department operates ambulance services in town.

According to the committee's reports, the reason for this decision is based on the fact that residents who have health insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid, have coverage for emergency transportation to the hospital. The committee wrote to Charles "the town is losing revenues as third party payers (insurance companies) are not being charged for ambulance service."

The report also states that the present cost to operate the ambulance is \$60,000 per year. Included in this figure are vehicle replacement and reconditioning the ambulance about every 2½ years. The committee also reported that the cost for educating, training, and advancing emergency medical technicians can be allocated with funds from the ambulance fee.

The committee report also stated, "The cost for ambulance services currently in the Fire Department

budget could be allocated to improve other Fire Department service."

The committee maintains that billing for such services can be accomplished with software compatible with the town computer. Instructions for billing are also available, according to the report. Committee members felt the time required to bill residents for ambulance service would be about four hours per week.

According to Deputy Fire Chief David Pisano, the Fire Department receives upwards of 1,200 calls per year for ambulance service. He said that 80 to 90 percent of that total are actual transports. Pisano said the number of calls appears to be increasing every year (perhaps in conjunction with the town's increasing population).

When asked for comment about the ambulance fee, Council President Donald Rheault told us, "If in fact the town can implement the program, I believe it should be with the clear understanding that people without insurance coverage should be put into a special class that absolves them of the charge."

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Stadium Lights Get Good Initial Reviews From Council Members

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Staff

Town Councilor Paul Fieldstad and council President Donald Rheault are presenting a joint resolution to the council that will ask the town to equally fund lights for the football field at Agawam High's Harmon Smith Field.

The resolution appeared for the first time on the council's March 9th agenda (at presstime).

The lights will reportedly cost \$60,000 and a committee of residents named "The Stadium Lights Association, Inc.," have been on a vigorous campaign to privately raise about \$30,000 for the lights. The town's commitment would be \$30,000.

Fieldstad told us, "There are people in town who feel that the lights should be paid for privately and others, like myself, who think the town should pay for them. But this is a compromise that should satisfy everyone."

"This whole thing is for the kids in town and I think the town and the lights committee can work together for the betterment of Agawam. If we can keep the young people and families together with a project such as this, it is a plus. It shows everyone can work together."

Rheault told us, "I am co-sponsoring this resolution to show support for those hard-working people who are trying to raise the funds privately. I am supportive because the entire town will benefit. The more active you can keep your youth in sports and activities, the better off the entire community will be."

Other councilors contacted by *The Advertiser News* showed strong support for the resolution, including Philip DeForge, Jessie Fuller, and Benjamin Lockhart.

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Great Monday Night Meal At I. Sporting Club



THE SLIECH FAMILY, Billy, Kevin, and Karen, who are better known around the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills, enjoyed dinner at the Italian Sporting Club this past Monday night. The club puts on a public dinner the first Monday of every month, which includes baked chicken, macaroni, salad, and Italian bread for a very reasonable price. (RELATED PHOTOS INSIDE). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Is Dog War About
To Start In Agawam?
Lack Of Leadership
Again Questioned...
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AHS Sports Engage
In Tournaments -
See Sports Pages

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Editorial

On Local Politics...

Dog Committee Resigns Due To Politics; But Again Root-Of-Matter Ends In Manager's Office

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Staff

After two years of time and effort, all members of the Agawam Dog Control Study Committee resigned last week.

And the situation, like so many others in this community, goes straight to the town manager's office. Again, inconsistency and unwillingness to stand up and be counted by the town manager has resulted in what might be another political debacle for the community.

A lack of communication with the council also can be cited as the manager had previously promised the Dog Committee that he would consult with the council if he thought its dog plan to be economically feasible.

Chairman Daniel Lacienski, a former member of Town Council who acted as spokesman for the group, told us, "We are tired of going through an effort of futility. Our actions support our conclusions that what the town is going to do about the dog problem is already a fait accompli (referring to the committee's belief the town will eventually join the Hampden County Dog Pound in Chicopee).

Lacienski added, "I have heard from messengers of the council. They let it be known that certain councilors will not support anything but Agawam joining the county facility. We finally had something good going here now, but for a political favor, the whole thing is going down the chute."

The committee had recently recommended the hiring of town resident Robert Burke at a salary of \$19,000 as the town's new dog officer. Town Manager Reid S. Charles appointed Burke, who began the task several weeks ago.

The "political favor" Lacienski referred to was his and the committee's contention that a "deal is being made" for the town to join the county program. There was no elaboration on the record of what was involved in the behind-the-scenes maneuvering.

Member William Ekstedt, who was absent from the Dog Committee's last meeting, also resigned last week after discussing the situation with other committee

members.

Ekstedt said, "I will go along with the wishes of the other committee members. If the committee is defunct, it is defunct. I have several close friends on the council that I have talked with and have heard statements to the effect that the town will end-up joining the county program."

Ekstedt added, "I am not sure that joining the county facility is the right way to go. I don't know what Mr. Charles is going to do. I'm very surprised but I have not heard from either Charles or (Police Chief) Stanley Chmielewski since this has happened and they were the ones who appointed me."

Ekstedt said he was personally disappointed at the end result of the committee's work. "We have put a lot of time and effort into this. We were all dedicated to giving Agawam the best we could. I think the information we have should be put to good use. We gave it a sincere effort. The county facility has its problems. It is new and all the bugs haven't been ironed-out of it yet."

William Brezinski, another member of the committee, charged, "The whole committee's effort was a farce. We went through so much. We tried to save the town money. That place in Chicopee (county dog pound) is not a place I would want dogs to be sent. I support Mr. Lacienski's efforts and what this committee tried to do. He had a good handle on this from the beginning. Still, it was a useless effort."

Charles appointed the Dog Committee in 1986 to study the most viable solution to the dog problem in town. Up until October, Santo DeSpirit of Southwick was the dog officer. He owned Congamond Kennels in Southwick. However, when DeSpirit became seriously ill in October, the Agawam Police Department was asked to act in his absence. DeSpirit died early this year, thereby paving the way for the committee to seek a new dog officer.

During a recent meeting of the committee, Charles told members to develop a complete dog program for the town, beginning with job specification for the dog officer's job and the step-by-step process of how dogs

will be controlled in Agawam.

Charles said that if the committee's program was economically feasible, he would present it to the council. However, two weeks later, Charles appointed Burke on the committee's recommendation. Therefore, the deduction can be made that by appointing Burke, Charles believed the committee's plan was "economically feasible."

At presstime Charles had not placed the item on the agenda, but has left himself, the committee (defunct committee), and Burke open to be zapped because of a lack of communication with the council.

A week after appointing Burke, Charles made his first visit to the County Dog Pound accompanied by a member of the council. A week after this, the entire Dog Committee resigned.

Councilor Paul Fieldstad, director of the county program, suggested last week that the town become a participant in the county facility.

However, Fieldstad was pointed when he stated, "As a councilor I did not ask the town manager to come over to the county facility. Another councilor did. I told Charles that if he wanted a place to house the dogs, or if he wants to join the county program, he would have to see the County Commission. I told Lacienski the same thing. It's up to the town manager to decide what's going on."

Committee members Minnie Punch and Cynthia Olsen could not be reached for comment. Lacienski said he speaks for the entire committee when he stated, "Bob Burke is doing a fantastic job. Since he has been on board we have only heard good things about him. He has a great deal of common sense and the MSPCA is very happy with him."

If the committee's contentions about what's going on behind-the-scenes are correct, then we have yet another sticky political situation - the lack of leadership at the manager's office has put us there. County program or stay local. What's it going to be Mr. Charles (at presstime I wasn't sure), and when will the council know for sure? THE BEAT GOES ON...



LETTERS
to
the
EDITOR

Let's Set Record Straight On Dogs

To The Editor:

In an effort to correct the misinformation that was contained in a letter to your column last week, I offer the following:

1. The cost of the County Program is \$28,000, plus \$12,000 the town receives from licenses for a total cost of \$40,000.

For this Agawam would receive part-time coverage from the county. According to Paul Fieldstad, director of the Program, Agawam would share an officer with some other community. As an example, the entire city of Holyoke, the entire city of Chicopee and part of Springfield are covered by one officer. The remaining three all work in Springfield.

2. All the facts about the town program, pro and con, as well as the county program were presented to the Town Council in a written report last March.

In addition, I as the committee chairman appeared before the council to answer any questions they had. There were none. It is interesting that in a daily news article, Town Councilor Philip DeForge now calls for a study to be done. The study was presented to him last year in total as a member of the council. Why the sudden interest?

3. Experience. While it is true that Mr. Burke has no experience in handling dogs, he has made arrangements to work with the MSPCA to acquire the techniques needed. What Mr. Burke did have, however, was a well-organized approach to solve some of the long-term problems. An interesting sidelight is that one of the applicants to the position was from the county program where he is employed as an officer. His experience? Two months on the job. Prior job: working in an auto body shop.

An article in last Friday's Springfield Union-News newspaper reports that the county program has budgetary problems and even city councilors in Springfield are saying that the program is understaffed.

How is it cost efficient and how is it in the best interests of the Town of Agawam to pay more and receive less? The one part of the letter I do agree with is that "politics" has reared its ugly head once more. I and the entire Committee resigned last week rather than become involved in the old Political Game of "Let's Make a Deal."

Daniel J. Lacienski
South West Street, Feeding Hills

Robinson PTO Deserves More Credit

To The Editor:

A recent editorial praising Agawam High School teachers in their efforts to form a parent/teacher organization seems to imply that teacher cooperation is lacking at the elementary school level. Although it is impossible for me to comment on teacher cooperation at other elementary schools, let me set the record straight about Robinson Park School.

I have been a member of the P.T.O. executive board at Robinson for five years, and have been president for the past two years. Cooperation between parents and teachers has always been the cornerstone of our organization. We are fortunate to have a teacher representative who attends all our meetings, and we are also fortunate to have the support of many teachers who routinely volunteer their time to ensure the success of our many projects.

Just to give one example, our Halloween party would be impossible without teachers who volunteer their time behind the scenes and at the party itself.

The teachers and the entire staff at Robinson consistently support our P.T.O. and deserve to have their efforts acknowledged.

Therese Machia
Pres., Robinson Park P.T.O.

Thanks To EMT's, Policeman

To The Editor:

We wish to express our most heartfelt thanks to Paramedic Randall Cushing, EMT Jose Vasquez, Patrolman Mark Gruska, and Dispatcher Kunasek for a job well done on the evening of March 1st.

It is very reassuring to know that the personnel of the Agawam Ambulance and the Agawam Police respond with utmost efficiency and care when their services are required.

Our gratitude to these four "unsung heroes."

Sincerely,
The Sanchez Family

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1988 at 3:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. JOSEPH P. LOSITO who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20, Paragraph 8, sub-section g(3) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the removal of fill from the premises identified as the rear of 595 MILL STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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AMBULANCE FEES - From Page 1...

Rheault added, "We have apparently lost money by not collecting from insurance companies before now. If we only charge the people who already have this coverage on their insurance policies, no one will get hurt. In this way people like the elderly or those without financial resources won't be spending money they don't have out-of-pocket. This is my main concern."

Councilor Philip DeForge told us, "I have to look into this further. I think the plan has merit but I want to make sure that people who don't have the means will get ambulance service free of charge."

"The ambulance was originally given to the town by the American Legion Post after the war. It was to provide a service to the townspeople. I still want it to be available for those people in town who need it, whether they can pay for the service or not," added DeForge.

Councilor Paul Fieldstad added, "I haven't seen a full breakdown on this proposal yet but I think if people have insurance, we should collect from it. People who pay insurance premiums for ambulance service might as well use it. If we want minimum tax rates and maximum service, we will have to utilize fees."

Councilwoman Jessie Fuller said, "We have to remember that there are many people living in Agawam on fixed incomes. This fee program could be a hardship to them. This service is greatly appreciated by all of us. I think that if we are paying people well who are in this line of work, we shouldn't have to charge residents for the service."

Also commenting was Councilor Edward G. Borgatti. He said, "The fees are alright if people have insurance coverage. But ambulance service is supposed to be a public service. If people don't have insurance coverage I cannot see charging them to use the ambulance."

Councilor Benjamin Lockhart concluded, "I can see us charging for ambulance service if someone has insurance that is going to cover his or her trip by ambulance. But if people don't have insurance they should still have ambulance service. I don't want anyone to be denied this."

STADIUM LIGHTS - From Page 1...

DeForge said the lights at the football field "is an excellent idea that will benefit the entire community."

Mrs. Fuller said, "I know Agawam has wanted lights for a long time. They have talked of it often during my 12 years on the School Committee. I am not a sportsman but I will support it."

Lockhart said, "I think that lights at the football field at the high school is a tremendous idea. I think it is wonderful when we have a group of citizens that want something positive and then carry through in getting it. The lights certainly will be an asset to our town."

Both Councilors Edward G. Borgatti and Christopher Johnson believe the lights at Harmon Smith Field is "a good idea," but refrained from further comment at this time.

Attorney Anthony Bonavita, chairman of the Stadium Lights Association, said the committee has decided not to make any public statements on the issue at the present time. Bonavita did, however, say the committee was delighted at the over 500 townspeople who turned out Sunday, February 28th, for the benefit pancake breakfast to support the cause.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of CLYDE AND HELEN LIGHT who are seeking to create a building lot with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as 125 SOUTH WESTFIELD STREET in violation of Section 20-25 of the Zoning Ordinance, said building lot to be used for a proposed single family residence.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 17, 1988 at 7:15 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of John DePalma for a Definitive Subdivision Plan, for a proposed 3 lot subdivision located on Horsham Place.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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FIRE-WISE - by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks Take Care Of Yourselves, Too

The smoke detectors can't save you all by themselves, however good they are. You and your entire household need to know what to do if a fire breaks out.

You may believe everyone in your family knows how to get out of the house, and can even figure out a way to escape if fire blocks the way to the main exit. But that's a dangerous assumption.

In a fire, smoke and toxic gases will travel throughout your home far ahead of the flames. Those toxic gases will get into your body and dull your senses. They will seep into your brain and make you confused and disoriented. You may not be capable of figuring out anything at all. Whatever you need to do must be automatic so you don't have to think about it.

Only practice can ensure that your exit actions will be automatic in a fire. Sit down with your family and make up a home fire escape plan. Include at least two ways to escape from each room, especially bedrooms. But don't stop there—actually practice those escape routes! You may feel silly, but it will be well worthwhile if you ever need it.

For upstairs rooms, purchase fire escape ladders. They are available at any hardware store and can be kept under a window or bed out of the way until needed. Make sure everyone knows how to use them, too.

As part of your escape plan, select a safe place outside the home where everyone will gather so you know everyone is safely out of the house. Then go to a neighbor's phone to call the fire department—never try to call from inside your own home before escaping. Fire moves quickly and can trap you in minutes; smoke moves even faster and kills in seconds.

Make a new plan when you go on vacation or any time you spend the night somewhere away from home. In a hotel, always notice when you arrive how to get to

exits from your room. And always travel with a portable smoke detector just in case there are none where you're staying. Keeping fire-safe away from home is just as important.

The 24-Hour Firefighter

Modern materials and methods have made a new fire protection team member available to home owners. Automatic fire sprinklers especially designed for residential use are now a safe, affordable option. In fact, in many communities they are now required in new homes.

Residential sprinkler systems usually operate from the home's water supply. They act quickly, opening a single sprinkler head near a fire in about 30 seconds after a fire starts. Using a fine spray, the sprinkler quickly puts the fire out before it can spread to other parts of the house. Then the sprinkler shuts off.

The new sprinklers are small and unobtrusive. Many are recessed into the wall or ceiling, popping out when needed. Others hide inside what appears to be simple crown molding. And don't worry about water damage: its destructive ability can't even compare with a fire's.

And much more water will be needed to put out the fire after it's had several minutes to burn. Imagine how many hundreds, even thousands of gallons will be needed by the time the fire department arrives!

Installation in a new home under construction costs less than \$1 per square foot. In existing homes it will cost more, but many insurance companies offer substantial discounts for homes with sprinklers in place.

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DA Ryan Launches County-Wide Child Abuse Education

On Friday, March 4th, the District Attorney's office launched a county-wide child abuse education program aimed at educators and child-care workers, the first such program in the state.

"Child-abuse is a serious problem and those working with our children must have the tools necessary to combat it," according to 30-year veteran Hampden County District Attorney Matthew J. Ryan, Jr. "This office is committed to fighting it. As part of this effort, I am proud to authorize the Child Abuse Information Program."

Kickoff for the program took place at the Johnson Life Center, 736 State Street, Springfield, at 2:00 p.m. Up to 50 day care workers attended.

Those making presentations included Ryan, Assistant Attorneys Hal Etkin and Timothy Shugrue, Child Abuse Investigator Patricia Walsh, and Victim-Witness Advocate Aleana Laster.

The Child Abuse Information Program will work with existing child-abuse programs in the Hampden County District Attorney's office. Hampden County is the only county in the state to have been awarded a U.S. Department of Justice grant to combat child abuse. In part, that grant was based-upon statistics showing Hampden County to have a rate of child abuse higher than other parts of the state.

Early detection of child abuse is crucial in helping to prevent crimes from occurring and continuing. Those involved in the care and protection of children must be informed about how to detect signs of child abuse, how to report cases, and how to prevent additional harm to children, according to Ryan.

"Our office has received many requests for information, and we think this program can accomplish this goal," Ryan said.

"Unless child abuse is discovered early, important

evidence may be lost or families may decide not to go forward with the charges. This can result in additional harm to the child with the perpetrator escaping detection and punishment," Ryan said in a letter directed to child care centers throughout the county.

Twenty centers in Hampden County have been contacted, with seven responses thus far.

This program is designed to cover some of the major criminal child abuse issues involving child care centers and its workers. For example:

What are the signs of child abuse?

What are the legal requirements to report child abuse?

Who do you report to?

How you can help us stop child abuse?

As part of this program, representatives of the District Attorney's Office, such as an assistant district attorney, police officer, or victim/witness advocate will present a short video film and discussion on child abuse.

More Weekly Tips From Internal Revenue

Circulated by the Boston office of the Internal Revenue Service, these are typical questions asked by taxpayers and are presented as a public service.

Q. Will I still be able to deduct the interest on my car loan and credit cards?

A. The deduction for personal interest is being phased out. The deduction will be limited to: 65 percent in 1987, 40 percent in 1988, 20 percent in 1989, 10 percent in 1990, and no deduction thereafter. For this purpose, any interest that you cannot deduct because of the home mortgage limitation will be considered personal interest.

Q. Can I still take deductions for the business use of my home?

A. Yes, but the deductions are limited to your net income from the business (gross income minus certain specific business deductions).

Q. What if my business-in-the-home deductions are more than my net income from my home office?

A. The disallowed deductions can be carried forward to later years.

Q. Are hobby losses still deductible?

A. Yes, but only to the amount of hobby income.

Q. I know that for tax purposes I should keep receipts supporting the deductions I claim, but what records should I keep regarding the money I earned?

A. You are legally required to keep records necessary to prepare a complete and accurate income tax return. Generally, this includes any Wage and Tax Statement (Form W-2) from your employers, and any of

the Form 1099 series you receive, such as those from any agency that paid you unemployment compensation. If you earn tips in your job, these must be recorded daily. IRS Form 4070A, "Employee's Daily Record of Tips," is a handy way to keep this record.

Q. I sold my home for \$80,000 and received a copy of Form 1099-B showing gross proceeds of \$80,000. Does this mean I have to pay tax on \$80,000?

A. Probably not. For complete information about how to figure the amount subject to tax, get free IRS Publication 523, "Tax Information on Selling Your Home," or consult the instructions to Form 2119, "Sale or Exchange of Principle Residence."

You can order these and other free IRS Publications using the order blank in your tax package, or call toll-free 1-800-424-3676.

Q. My income increased substantially this year. Can I save money if I income average?

A. No. The special benefit of income averaging is repealed beginning in 1987.

Q. I received unemployment compensation last year. Must I include all of this income on my tax return this year?

A. Yes. The former limited exclusion has been repealed. All unemployment compensation must now be included in income. Since unemployment compensation is not subject to withholding of income tax, you may also have to pay estimated tax using Form 1040ES.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Public Library, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., on Monday, March 21, 1988 upon petition of Western Mass. Electric Company dated March 1, 1988 for permission to: install one (1) pole in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 7th day of March, 1988. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871 Ext. 2480.

Petition No. AG-1254
Street, Horsham Place
Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk

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Municipal Events

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Monday, March 14th
Town Council Meeting
Workshop Session
Public Library
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Thursday, March 17th
Planning Board Meeting
Public Library
7:15 P.M.

Thursday, March 17th
Board of Appeals
Town Hall Annex
7:00 P.M.

Monday, March 21st
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 24th
Board of Appeals
Town Hall Annex
7:00 P.M.

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State Treasurer's Missing Money List

Massachusetts State Treasurer Robert Q. Crane today released the names of 32,000 businesses and individuals that are due more than \$23 million from abandoned accounts.

Under the state's Unclaimed Money Law, bank accounts, insurance proceeds, checks, stock certificates and the like that have gone untouched for at least five years are deemed to be abandoned. All such accounts must be reported to the Treasury, which then attempts to notify rightful owners or legal heirs. Last year Treasurer Crane returned more than half of the \$20 million in reported abandoned accounts.

Crane said compliance with the law continues to improve. "Nevertheless, once again we have had to assume the role that rightfully belongs to others. How can anyone fail to locate: Boston Gas, Conrail, Newsweek, or The New England Patriots?" the treasurer asked.

Treasurer Crane noted one important aspect of the Unclaimed Money Law which requires that until claimed, all funds are kept in the state's General Fund where they are invested for the benefit for all residents and taxpayers here in Massachusetts.

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Dated this 7th day of March, 1988. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 787-0391.

Petition No. 920001
Street, School Street
Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk

Published: March 10, 1988

Claim your money from the office of State Treasurer Robert Q. Crane

If your name appears on the State Treasurer's Unclaimed Money list, published in today's newspaper, call or write:

State Treasurer Robert Q. Crane
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To facilitate processing your claim, Treasurer Crane urges you to include your name as listed in the newspaper, your address and identification number (if printed in the paper) on all communications.

Owners of abandoned property need not pay a finder's fee to anyone to claim what is rightfully theirs.

"Program Trading" Uses Computers To Order Lots Of Stock

If you're like hundreds of other investors, you have heard a great deal about "program trading" following the stock market collapse in October 1987. And you probably know program trading has been criticized for contributing to market volatility. But many people still don't understand what it really is.

"Program trading" is a sophisticated technique using computers to enter huge orders of stock. It is used in the sophisticated investment strategy known as "stock index arbitrage."

Investors employing stock index arbitrage program trading capitalize on small price differences between futures based on stock indexes—such as the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index—and the stocks that make up the index. This technique uses the New York Stock Exchange's Designated Order Turnaround (DOT) system to enter orders for a pre-selected—or "programmed"—group of stocks based on the movements of representative stocks in the index futures market.

"Program trading" allows an arbitrageur to take advantage of disparities between the prices of futures and the prices of the actual shares that comprise the index.

Thus, the arbitrageur sells the futures contract and buys the stocks in the index when the index futures contract is selling at a premium, relative to the underlying shares. Remember, a futures contract obliges the owner to buy a specific commodity or financial instrument at a set price before a designated future date.

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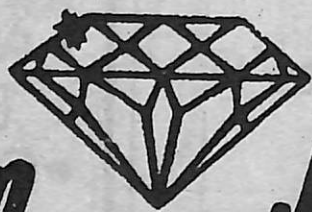
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REPUBLICAN TOWN Committee members in top photo, Richard Brindle, Jessie Fuller, and Donald McCave go through the voter's list at the Captain Charles Leonard House last Saturday; in photo at left, town GOP Chairman Andy Campbell and Vice-Chairwoman Mary Hunter check-off names of Republican voters at the GOP Caucus, Saturday, March 5th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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In addition to the S&P-500 Stock Index contract—traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange—the other primary futures instrument used in program trading is the Major Market Index contract, which tracks movements in 20 major issues and is traded on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Risk is normally absent from a program trading transaction because the purchase and sale of the stock and index contract are generally made simultaneously. Also, because the "spread" between the purchase and selling prices is often very small, only extremely large transactions traded in this manner produce significant profits.

Another strategy often linked to program trading is portfolio insurance. Investment managers using this concept generally rely on futures to protect or "hedge" portfolios. Portfolio insurance uses complex mathematical models to determine how and when index futures should be bought or sold to protect the underlying portfolio.

For example, in a declining stock market, computer programs would suggest selling futures contracts linked to the stocks anytime the stock market declines below one or more "trigger" prices.

This technique is roughly similar to traditional "stop-loss" orders, which are standing instructions to sell a particular stock when it reaches a specific price. In the case of portfolio insurance, the technique is applied to an entire portfolio.

In a market that is functioning reasonably "normally"—that is, potential buyers are available to the "trigger" price specified in the program—the system has worked well.

However, according to government reports, portfolio insurance helped increase market swings during the heightened market volatility of late 1987. Specifically, large sales of futures contracts triggered stock index arbitrage, or "Program Trading," prompting heavy selling of underlying securities which, in turn, led to more selling in the futures market...with the process repeating itself over and over again.

Following government and industry studies of the October market crash which indicated that index arbitrage and portfolio insurance contributed to the market's extreme volatility, the New York Stock Exchange requested that all member firms refrain from using the DOT system on any day in which the Dow Jones Industrial Average fluctuates more than 50 points.

Shearson Lehman Hutton, one of the nation's largest securities firms, voluntarily halted all program trading for its own account, in response to client concerns that program trading contributes to market volatility.

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Police Arrest 16; Answer 266 Calls

Crime Prevention Office Wayne Macey today released the following crime statistics for week ending Sunday, March 6th.

Statistics included 16 arrests and 266 total calls answered.

On February 29th, **Raymond A. Talbot, III**, 517 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault and battery. Arresting officers were Richard Curry, Joseph Edwards, Donald Gallerani, and Michael Gruska.

On February 29th, **Barbara Waltz**, 25 Atwater Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Light, Jr. and Donald Gallerani.

On March 1st, **Raymond A. Talbot, III**, 517 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with violation of a restraining order. Arresting officer was Robert Marsh.

On March 1st, **David E. Jackman**, 30 Kenwood Terrace, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding West Springfield Police Department warrant for motor vehicle violations. Arresting officer was Gary O'Brien.

On March 2nd, **David M. Kinsley**, 1025 Suffield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, and being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Robert Landers, Peter Bertera, and Paul Murphy.

On March 2nd, **James T. Potter**, 159 Mallard Circle,

Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Robert Landers, Peter Bertera, and Paul Murphy.

On March 2nd, **Arnold C. Cone, Jr.**, 9 Rosie Lane, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Robert Landers, Peter Bertera, and Paul Murphy.

On March 2nd, **Brian J. Wyckoff**, 64 Rosie Lane, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officers were Robert Landers, Peter Bertera, and Paul Murphy.

On March 3rd, **John J. O'Brien**, 61 Norman Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving after suspension. Arresting officers were Robert Marsh and James Lewis.

On March 4th, **James Cleveland**, 421 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officer was Gary O'Brien.

On March 4th, **Peter W. Asher**, 112 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Daniel Ciak.

On March 4th, **Michael Barber**, 919 Liberty Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with leaving the scene of a personal injury accident, one count; leaving the scene of a property damage accident, three counts; and two counts of speeding.

At about 4:30 p.m., on the above date, weather conditions had deteriorated to heavy falling snow. Rush hour traffic was heading home, and road conditions went from bad to worse. Officer Steven Draghetti was patrolling Southwick Street in Feeding Hills when a

passing motorist advised him of an accident at the base of Southwick Mountain.

Upon his arrival, he observed a multi-car accident with two people complaining of pain and injury. At this point, one of the vehicles involved started up and left the scene. Officer Draghetti radioed the information on the vehicle and subjects inside to all other units. Officer Draghetti then had a conversation with the operator of another motor vehicle. Information was obtained and it was determined that the fleeing motor vehicle had struck another vehicle in its attempt to leave the scene.

Officer Robert Marsh then radioed that he had the motor vehicle in question at the intersection of Southwick Street and North West Street and it was abandoned. Several residents in the area called the station, and reported seeing two males running through several backyards.

Officer Draghetti secured the accident scene and went to the area where the two suspects were last spotted. He and Officer Gary O'Brien began a search. Officer Draghetti, on foot, picked-up footprints in the freshly fallen snow and began to follow them. As the snow began to let up, he spotted the two in a field and began a foot pursuit, catching the two by a tobacco shed. He held them until Officers Donald Gallerani and Gary O'Brien arrived. They were arrested and transported back to the station.

On March 4th, **Kevin Riley**, 11 Hayes Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department failure to appear warrant. Arresting officers were Ben Moore and Paul Murphy.

Agawam Crime Prevention - Crime Definitions -

by Officer Wayne Macey

The following definitions of crime have been taken from the Massachusetts Criminal law reference handbook. It is intended to familiarize the average citizen with how the state defines crimes and what elements are necessary before arrests and convictions can be secured.

ASSAULT & BATTERY: The intentional and unjustified use of force upon the person of another, however slight, or the intentional doing of a wanton or grossly negligent act causing personal injury to another.

RAPE: Having sexual intercourse or unnatural sexual intercourse with a person and compelling such a person to submit by force and against her/his will, or compelling such person to submit by threat of bodily injury.

ROBBERY: By force and violence, or by assault and putting in fear, robbing, stealing, and taking from the

person of another money or other property which may be the subject of larceny.

ARSON: Willful and malicious setting fire to, or causing to be burned, or aiding, counseling or procuring the burning of, a dwelling house, or building adjoining or adjacent to a dwelling house, or a building by the burning whereof a dwelling house is burned, whether such a dwelling house or other building is the property of himself or another, and whether the same is occupied or unoccupied.

BURGLARY: Breaking and entering of the dwelling of another in the nighttime with intent to commit a felony.

LARCENY: Trespassory taking and carrying away the personal property of another with the intent to deprive the owner permanently of its use. If the value of the property does not exceed \$250 (misdemeanor) and if the property is a firearm or the value of the property exceeds \$250 (felony).

INJURY TO PROPERTY: Destroys, injures, the personal property, dwelling house or building of another in any manner or by any means not particularly described or mentioned in this chapter is a crime. If willful and malicious, (felony), if wanton (misdemeanor).

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: That conduct which involves no lawful exercise of first amendment rights, and which by its very nature involves use of physical violence or any threat to use such force or violence if that threat is effectively possible of immediate execution, or which is tumultuous.

ACCESSORY: One who is not a principle in the commission of a felony, but who is in some way criminally concerned therein, either before or after the felony is committed. The charge of accessory applies only in felonies. In misdemeanor cases all persons accused are principals.

Meet The Police - Officer Steven Draghetti - by Office Wayne Macey

Officer Steven Draghetti was appointed to the Police Department in 1980 as a patrolman. He had previously served as a dispatcher with Agawam, and prior to that as a patrolman with the UMass Police Department.

During the summer of 1978 and 1979 he also served as a seasonal patrolman with the Dennis Police on Cape Cod. Steve attended Agawam High School, where he graduated and went on to Westfield State College, later earning a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, (minor in psychology). He then attended American International College in Springfield where he attained his master's degree in Criminal Justice.

Steve received his police training at the Massachusetts State Police Academy, Framingham, in 1979. He has attended many specialized service

schools, including Crime Scene Management, Accident Investigation, and Breathalyzer School. Steve is a certified paramedic, and is presently the only police officer in Agawam to have achieved that title.

He also serves as the vice president of Pioneer Valley Emergency Medical Technicians Association. Steve is also a former instructor at the Criminal Justice Training Council in Feeding Hills, where he served in such capacity from 1984 to 1987.

In 1981 he received a commendation for his efforts in the capture and arrest of two armed suspects in the armed robbery of the Agawam Food Mart. In 1984 he

received another commendation for his efforts in the capture and arrest of another armed suspect involved in the burglary of an Autumn Street residence. The suspect was armed with a knife and Draghetti disarmed him and made the arrest.

Steven is the son of George & Irene Draghetti of Feeding Hills. He was married in 1985 to the former Catherine Caruso, and they reside with their three month-old son, Matthew, in Feeding Hills. Steve's extensive educational and medical background, combined with his dedication to the job, make him a valuable asset to the Agawam Police Department.



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Agawam Baptist Church Slates Ham & Bean Supper March 19

The Annual Family Style Ham & Bean Supper will be held Saturday, March 19th, at Agawam Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam. Serving times are 4:45 and 6:15 p.m.

Adults are \$5.50, and children under 10, \$2.50.

The menu includes baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, assorted homemade pies, coffee, and tea.

For reservations, call 786-8570, 786-6289, 567-7249.

Renee M. Simon Weds Steven P. Marcus

Miss Renee M. Simon and Steven P. Marcus were married Friday, January 8th, at Sacred Heart Church, Springfield. The Reverend George Farland, Monsignor John Korkmasz, pastor of St. Anthony of Desert Church, and Subdeacon Terrence O'Connell performed the 6:00 p.m. ceremony. Michael Dulac was organist; Jean Trinqué was vocalist; and John & Carol Bobbin provided trumpet music.

The bride is the daughter of Rita M. Simon of 230 Litchfield Street, Torrington, Connecticut, and the late Farid Simon, and the bridegroom is the son of Rita Marcus and Robert Marcus, both of Agawam.

Presented in marriage by her brothers, Thomas G. Simon and Fred J. Simon, the bride was attended by Julie Fabiaschi as matron of honor. Helen Cahill, Kimberly NeJaime, Eileen Leonard, Christine Cantu, Susan Marcus, Jonna Simon, and Colleen Marcus were bridesmaids.

John Marcus served as best man, and guests were ushered by William Fadgyas, Stephen Grenier, Joseph Langone, Robert Marcus, Jr., and James Marcus, with Michele Comporesi as junior bridesmaid and Joseph Comporesi as junior usher. Jaime Marcus was flower girl, and Michael Marcus and Michael Simon were ring bearers.

Accented with lace and pearls, the bride's gown was fashioned of white satin. The fitted bodice was designed with a V-neckline edged with pearls and adorned with lace. The fitted sleeves were inset with lace and puffed at the shoulderline, and the skirt flowed into an embroidered chapel length train. Designed by Karen Romaniello, the bride's crystal and pearl headband held a silk illusion pouf and fingertip length veil.

Following a reception at Chez Josef in Agawam, the couple went on a trip to Stowe, Vermont, and New York City. They are residing at Belden Court, Agawam.

A graduate of Torrington High School, the bride is a marketing representative for Liturgic Publications, Inc., Hartford.

A graduate of Agawam High School, the bridegroom is a senior at Westfield State College, and is employed in the Clean Slate Program for the City of Springfield.

Check Our Classifieds...

Catholic Women's Club Schedules Meeting March 14th

The March meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be held Monday, March 14th, at 8:00 p.m., in the meeting room of St. John's Social Center. Business meeting will be conducted by President Jackie Hayes.

Mrs. David Moretti is chairwoman of the evening's program. Featured will be Elaine Smith, who will demonstrate and explain the art of oriental floral arranging. Mrs. Smith studied two years in the Orient and received a teaching certificate from the School of Sogetsu.

Chairwoman for hospitality for the evening is Ruth Zucco, assisted by her committee, including Alice Buell, Aurea Craig, Dorothy Frenette, Beatrice Hamel, Judy McDonough, Lee Owens, Frances Pedulla, Peggy Stacy, Millie Vassallo, and Estelle Veronesi.

Please remember your donations for the Open Pantry to help others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Swk. Christ Lutheran Church To Hold Spaghetti Supper

Christ Lutheran Church, 568 College Highway, Southwick, is holding a Spaghetti Supper, Friday, March 18th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

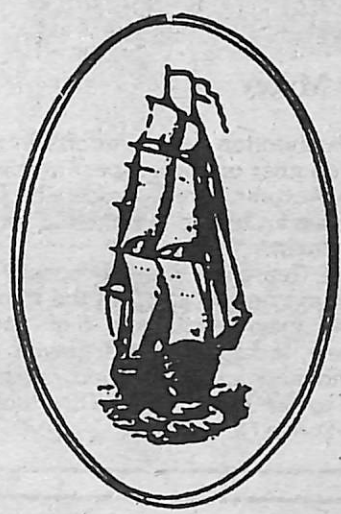
The menu consists of spaghetti with meatsauce, salad, bread, coffee, tea, brownies, and ice cream. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children and age three and under are free.

Reservations may be made by contacting any of the following numbers: church, 569-5151; Dot Coward, 569-5305, or Marlene Harlin, 789-1443. You may also pay at the door.

Army Pvt. Eric G. Rullmann Arrives For Duty In S. Korea

Army Private Eric G. Rullmann, son of Clayton C. & Lenora G. Rullmann of 112 North Street, Agawam, has arrived for duty with the 304th Signal Battalion, South Korea.

Pvt. Rullman, a tactical satellite/microwave system operator, is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School.



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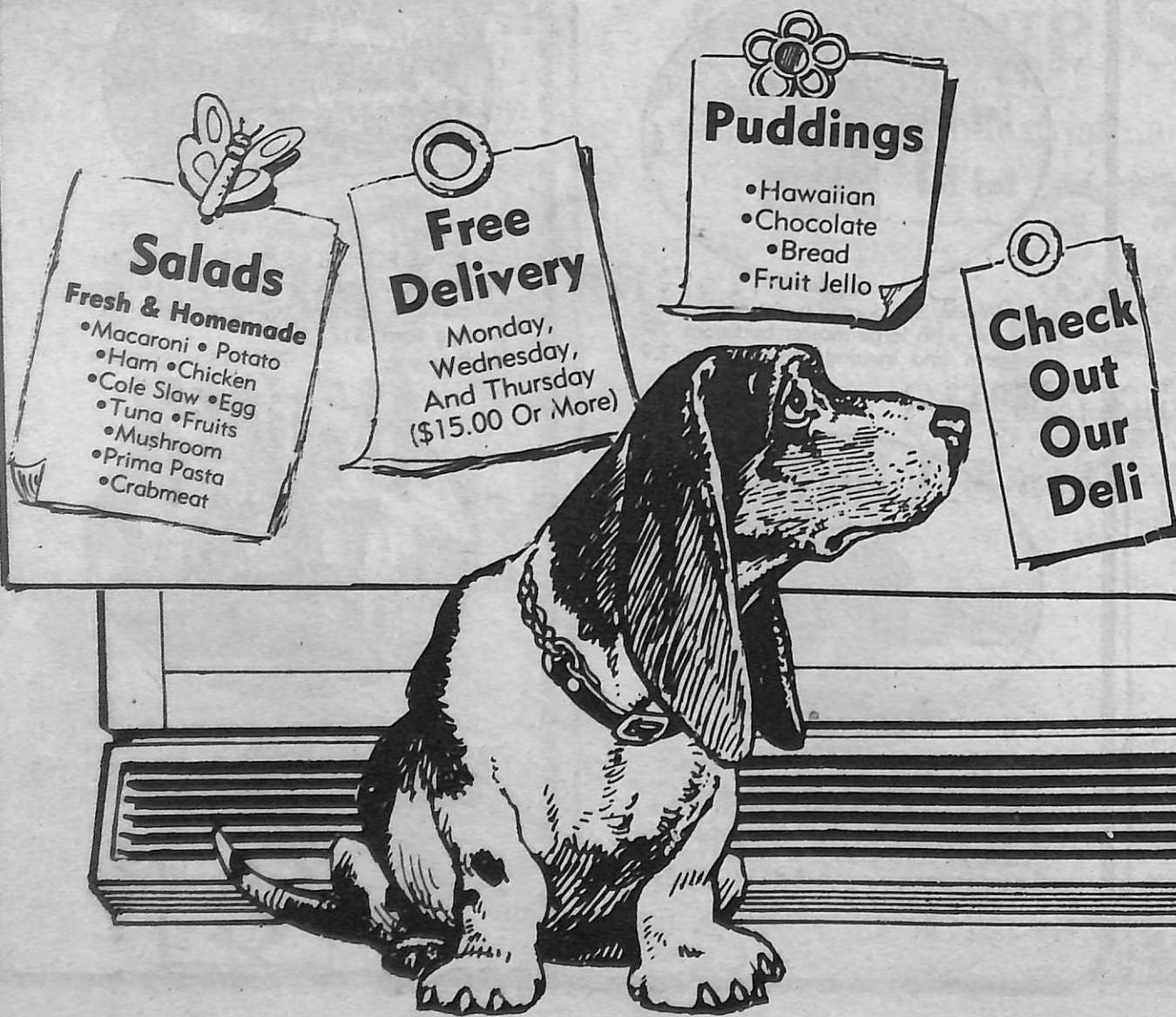
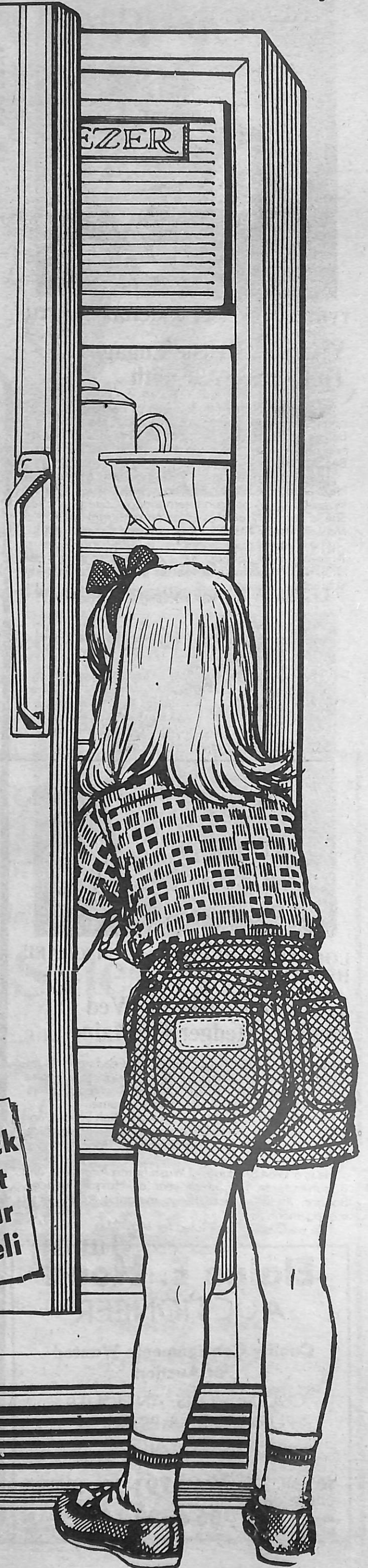
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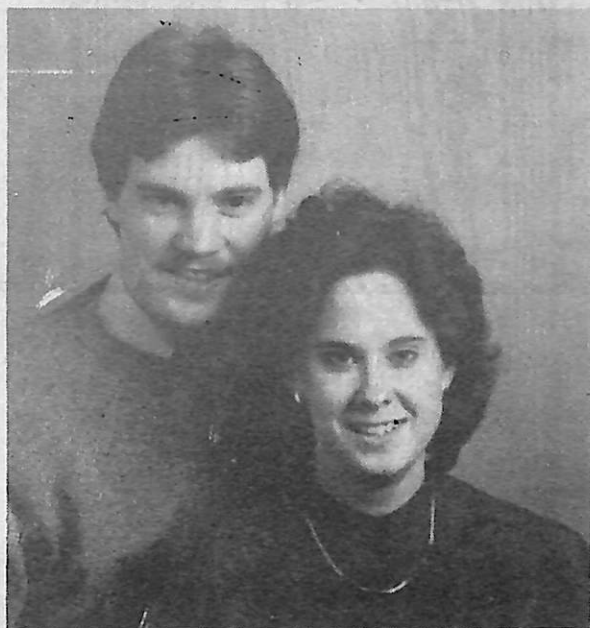
Yvette J. Belisle Engaged To Richard A. Smith

Mr. & Mrs. William G. Johnson of Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Yvette J. Belisle, to Richard A. Smith of Feeding Hills. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald J. Smith of Indian Harbor Beach, Florida.

The future bride is a 1981 graduate of Agawam High School and received a bachelor of science degree in math from American International College in 1985. She is currently employed as an actuarial analyst at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company.

The future bridegroom is a 1982 graduate of Agawam High School. He is currently serving in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear reactor plant operator in the Submarine Service.

A February 11th, 1989 wedding is planned.



LORRAINE BELISLE & MICHAEL HEDGER.

Lorraine Belisle To Wed Michael Hedger Of Maine

Mr. & Mrs. William G. Johnson of Feeding Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorraine Belisle, to Michael Hedger, son of Reverend & Mrs. John S. Hedger of Prospect Harbor, Maine.

She is a 1983 graduate of Agawam High School, and a 1987 graduate of the University of Maine at Machias, and is employed by Merrill/Norstar Bank, Bangor, Maine.

He is a 1984 graduate of Washington Academy, and is currently in his junior year at Husson College, Bangor, Maine, where he is majoring in financial management.

The wedding is scheduled for May 21st.

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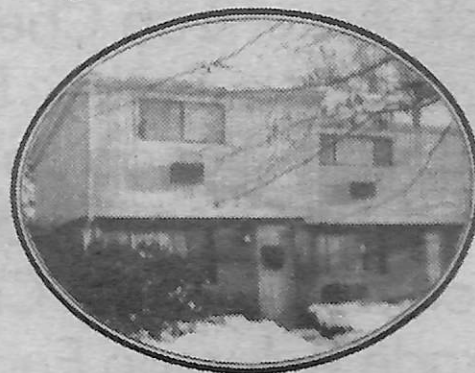
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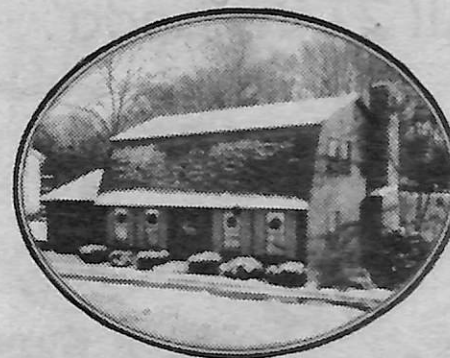
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Tina Book To Compete For Mass. Teen Title

Miss Tina Book, daughter of Arthur & Carolina Book of 85 Sylvan Lane, Feeding Hills, has been selected as an entrant in the 1988 Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant to be held at the Sheraton Lincoln Grand Ballroom in Worcester on March 18th, 19th, and 20th. The State Pageant will select the Massachusetts representative to the Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant to be televised live nationally on CBS network in July. The Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant will be staged by Miss Universe, Inc., a subsidiary of Gulf & Western Industries.

Miss Book, who was selected as an entrant at large, will be competing with girls from all over the Bay State for the title of Miss Massachusetts Teen USA. She attends Agawam High School.

While in high school, Tina participates in softball and the senior activities group. Her other activities include swimming, dancing, and being with friends.

One of the requirements of the Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant is that each entrant wear a costume descriptive of the town or area that she represents. Tina plans to wear a strawberry outfit which is representative of the cannery during the early 1900's.

The dates again for the Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant are March 18th, 19th, and 20th, at the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in Worcester, where Tina will be competing for the most coveted Teen Title in the Bay State.

The Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant is the Official Preliminary to the Miss Teen USA Pageant. Miss Book's sponsors to the Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant are Tan Factory, and her family.



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Agawam Shriners Attend Potentate's Reception



ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, Gordon J. Smith of 7 Atwater Street, Westfield, Illustrious Potentate of Melha Temple Shriners, was honored at a formal reception held at Chez Josef. Attending the event to bring the greetings of the Nobles from the Agawam area were these Ambassadors of Good Will, Potentate Gordon Smith and Walter Ruckstuhl. The event was attended by nearly 700 members, guests, and friends.

Grange Slates Next Meeting March 15th

Community Grange 382 will meet Tuesday, March 15th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grange Home.

Master Pauline Provost will present a craft program. Refreshments will be served by Florence Blish and Evelyn Vincelette.

On Thursday, March 17th, a card party night will be held. The card party is open to the public.

Pomona Grange will meet Friday, March 11th. The program will be a Fashion Show. The meeting will be held at West Springfield Grange Hall at 7:30 p.m.

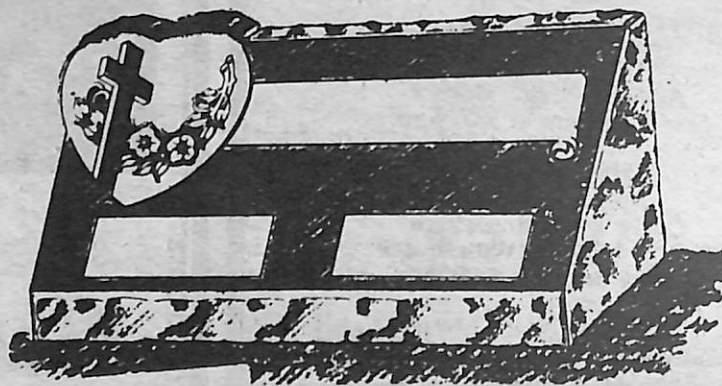
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Agawam Obituaries

Ignatius C. Repinec

Ignatius C. "Charlie" Repinec, 67, of 80 Letendre Avenue, Feeding Hills, a retired sign erector for the Ace Sign Company, Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. He worked for the company for 37 years, retiring in 1983.

Born in Lansford, Pennsylvania, he lived in Agawam most of his life. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Paula B. Tonglet; a daughter, Patricia A. Brown of Feeding Hills; three sisters, Barbara Sulborski and Mary Repinec, both of Feeding Hills, and Anne Ranaudo of Brooklyn, New York; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Stanley Jablonski

Stanley Jablonski, 73, of 116 Raymond Circle, Agawam, a 20-year maintenance employee at South Congregational Church, Springfield, died Thursday, March 3rd, in Leeds Veterans Administration Medical Center, Northampton. He retired in 1982.

Born in Binghamton, New York, he lived in Hartford for 20 years before moving to Agawam five years ago. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and was a member of Elks Lodge 1849 in Chicopee, Agawam Senior Center Pool Club, and Agawam Golden Ages Chapter 2. He was a World War II Army Air Forces veteran.

He leaves a son, Paul, and a daughter, Michelle, both of Binghamton; two brothers, Walter of Endwell, New York, and Constantine of Binghamton; a sister, Helen Bender of Binghamton; two grandchildren and a friend, Fernanda Stowe of Agawam.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and in St. Theresa's Church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Agnes J. Howard

Agnes J. (Swanson) Howard, 68, of 40 Oak Lane, Feeding Hills, died Friday, March 4th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Newburgh, New York, she was a lifelong resident of Feeding Hills. She attended Agawam schools, and was graduated from Agawam High School. She was a member of Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

She leaves her husband, James E. Howard, Jr.; a daughter, Susan Brisson of Chesterfield; two brothers, Ernest of Feeding Hills, and Roland Swanson of Greensboro, North Carolina; two sisters, Adele Howley of West Springfield and Norma Neilson of Suffield, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Curran-Jones Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society of Western Massachusetts, 1583 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA, 01020.

Easter Seals Enjoys Handsome Telethon Weekend

Months of careful planning by hundreds of Easter Seal volunteers paid off handsomely last weekend when totals were tallied at the Easter Seal Telethon, broadcast live from Boston, Worcester and Springfield, on March 5th and 6th. \$1.5 million was raised for Easter Seal services for people with disabilities.

Springfield Telethon Chairman George Abdow reported a 7 percent increase over Springfield's 1987 total. "Last year we raised \$342,000. This year we upped it to \$366,000.

Abdow, who is chairman of the board of Abdow Corporation, credited the successful effort to "dedicated volunteers who understand the importance of Easter Seal services to men, women and children with disabilities."

State Easter Seal Child Chris Larsen, 11, of Cambridge thanked WWLP-TV 22, Springfield, for broadcasting the telethon and for giving him the chance to tell people about Easter Seal services. "More than 11,000 people with disabilities depend on Easter Seals," Chris told his television audience. "I go to Easter Seal camp. My grandpa gets help in getting better since he had a stroke. Easter Seals helps lots of people in lots of different ways."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, March 14th
Catholic Women's Club
St. John's Parish Center
8:00 p.m.

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8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, March 16th
Lions Club Corned Beef Supper
Agawam Middle School
Serving Begins at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 18th
Spaghetti Supper
Christ Lutheran Church
College Highway - Southwick
Serving begins at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26th
Oldies Dance
Cub Scout Pack 75
Polish American Club
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

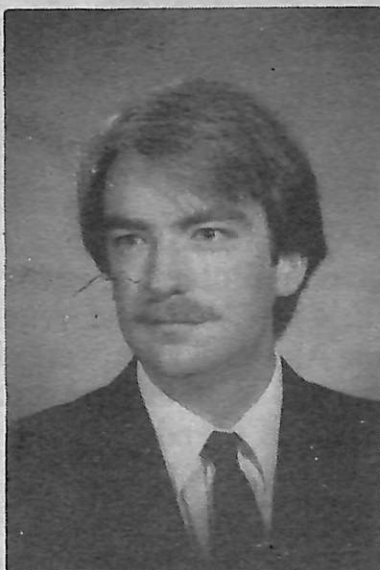
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Heritage Hall News, Notes & Events

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK!

Alpolina Swol

Alpolina Swol was born January 12th, 1892. She married Clemens Swol in 1917 and resided in Chicopee. Alpolina was employed at the Chicopee Manufacturing Spinnery for almost 30 years. She has two sons and one daughter, and three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all of whom reside locally.

Alpolina continues to lead an active life by participating in a variety of programs and enjoying her favorite pastime of playing cards.

Heritage Hall is pleased to have Alpolina as a member of its family.



ALPOLINA SWOL

Man's Best Friend!

Daisy, the resident pet dog at Heritage Hall, opened her home and heart to the Springfield Kennel Club performers.

Gladys Dykstra once again arrived with her talented group of canine students to display their intelligence as well as entertain everyone.

Cupid, a pomeranian, occasionally had to be reminded she was there to display obedience, not to receive all the attention and petting she could. Two poodles closed the show with a perfect performance. Silver, a large standard poodle, was harnessed to a two-wheeled wagon and gave Jimmy, a medium-sized poodle, a ride. Oh, what hams they were!

Following the entertainment everyone enjoyed a visiting period. The event was enjoyable and everyone left with smiles on their face or a wag of their tail!



MEMBERS OF THE SPRINGFIELD KENNEL CLUB visited Heritage Hall last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

I Remember

by Ronald Johnson

"The first school I attended was the Dowington Street School located in Worcester. It was a two-story brick building and accommodated eight grades. The desks in the classrooms were wooden with slatted tops, and contained an ink well and were consistent with age groups.

"My second grade teacher was a friend of my mother's and used to say there are no secrets; my mother was also a school teacher. We lived within walking distance of the school so I went home for lunch. We were called back to school by bells operated by push buttons, not rung by pulling a rope. The principal could ring each room individually from his office.

"There was no outside exercise program; we had gym

inside. Outside recess was open play for everyone. My first grade attire consisted of a shirt, short pants, and shoes. We even had report cards that our parents had to sign.

"Oh, what fun I had then. I really enjoyed school!"

Employee of the Month!

Denise Moreau

Denise Moreau was chosen "Employee of the Month" for March. She has been employed as a dietary aide at Heritage Hall for 13 years. Denise resides in Springfield with her family. She displays dependability and conscientiousness in her daily work.

Denise's favorite hobbies are cross-stitch, reading, and taking long leisurely walks.

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VFW Ladies Hold Dinner-Dance To Benefit Cancer



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM VFW Ladies Auxiliary pictured at the recent dinner-dance that benefitted cancer research. From left - Noreen Fusick, Phyllis Ouelette, and Dottie Ritchie. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RITA SHEA, president of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, greets state Ladies Auxiliary officials Martha Balser, state cancer chairman, and Lean Guay, state president.

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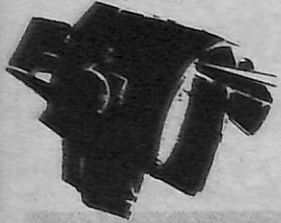
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Spotlight On Business



Hair Impressions Opens Under Laurie Yacteen & Ev Harvey

by Joan Lussier
Advertiser News Staff

It is always pleasant to have a new business open in Agawam, but when the venture is owned and operated by two young and energetic Agawam women, it's even more pleasant.

The new business is **Hair Impressions** located at 525G Springfield Street, in the Corner Shops, Feeding Hills. The salon is owned by Laurie Yacteen and Ev Harvey.

Both stylists are graduates of LeBaron Academy of Springfield, worked for Regis Hairstyles at the Holyoke Mall, and decided that it was time for a change and to try their hands at owning their own business.

The shop has been open for about five weeks. Prices are most reasonable. A cut and blow dry is \$16; perm (with a cut and blow dry), \$42; men's haircuts are \$12; children under 12 are \$10 for a cut and blow dry; highlighting (with cut and blow dry), \$40; retouching, \$27.

Hair Impressions uses and sells Nexxus hair care products. Laurie and Ev welcome walk-ins, but appointments are suggested.

Future plans include adding another stylist as well as a manicurist. The hours are Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

You will enjoy the tastefully-decorated shop, and the friendliness of the stylists. Laurie & Ev are both professional women who look forward to seeing you.



CO-OWNERS OF HAIR IMPRESSIONS on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, are both Agawam gals -Laurie Yacteen (in photo at left) and Ev Harvey (top photo). The salon is located at 525G Springfield Street, and is open Tuesday - Saturday. The shop is tastefully-decorated, and the two young and energetic co-owners are most anxious to have you stop by and say hello. Advertiser News

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"HOOTER THE HOME BUILDER" pictured with 1988 Home Show officials, from left - Edward R. Pedersen, director; Helmut K. Marosits, president, Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield; Raymond E. Ostrander, Jr., Home Show Committee; John Mercadante, Home Show Committee; and seated, Robert F. Lloyd, chairman, Western Mass. Home Show

1988 Home Show Is A 'Smorgasbord'

The 1988 Western Mass Home Show is a "smorgasbord" for the senses. Here's a sample of what you'll see, hear, smell, taste, experience, and touch at this year's show which will be held at Eastern States Exposition Grounds, West Springfield, March 15th to 20th, according to Robert Lloyd of Feeding Hills. Lloyd again is serving as this year's Home Show Chairman.

The eyes have it—Sightsee the past, present, and future of everything in, on, around, and about your home. Colorful flowers, paints from magenta to plum, wallpapers in stripes, country patterns, landscaping ideas to swathe your yard in every shade of green, roofs and skylights to reflect every passing hue above, cool blue pools, furniture in all guises, fireplaces and accessories in blacks and metallics, rugs and tiles from around the world, yards of fabric, yards of lace, awnings, custom designed windows, kitchens and baths, yards of yards, and acres of eye-catching decorating and design ideas for your home.

Lend us your ears—Hear: kids laugh on custom playgrounds, new ways to meet age-old house building and housekeeping problems, sales patters that hold crowds rapt, the sizzle of six-course meals cooked in 15 minutes, the chatter of friends you'll run into, the thwack of hammers, unique demonstrations on how to do almost everything for the home and silver jewelry to hang onto those ears.

Get noisy—Find out how to make your home more efficient, attractive, bigger, better, and newer. Get priceless answers from expert sources. Compare to make the right decision. Want to build, remodel, renovate or restore? Learn to pick the perfect item for your home! Need a break? Talk mortgages. Peek into cabinets? Listen to the latest?

Taste the American Dream—All tastes served. Buying a home? Remodeling old faithful? Looking for lumber? Marble? Onyx? Want to stencil a Dutch

border? Get rid of dandelions? Secure your home or office with an alarm system? Clean your cabinets? Check out nearly every window under the sun? Ease your back with a better mattress? Swing on a swing? Install stained glass? Reorganize your closets? Sew the modern way? Side your barn? Fence the front yard? Outdo the Jones' deck? If you've read this far, you're probably getting the idea that you'll have plenty to choose from at this year's Western Mass Home Show.

Experience the "Street of Dreams"—You can tour eight full size model homes. Meander through "The Broderick II" ranch house by Huntington Homes with its round top windows and texture's ceilings. Stroll through the Continental Homes of New England 1,568 square foot ranch house. Compare with the William Douglas Corporation ranch with slate foyer entrance and garden window. American Dreams Modular Homes presents "a high efficiency" ranch house designed for comfort, with mudroom and skylights. You'll still have four more homes to visit, each suggesting home ideas to take with you.

Touch—Touch the heartbeat of American homes and businesses. Feel the past of pioneer homes, the future comforts brought by developing technologies. There's no time like the present for the incredible "smorgasbord" of the 1988 Western Mass Home Show.

Open 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, March 15th to 17th; 1:00 to 10:00 p.m., Friday, March 18th; 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, March 19th, and 12:00 noon to 7:30 p.m., Sunday, March 20th.

Discount coupons worth \$1 off the \$5 general admission ticket are available throughout Western Massachusetts and in area newspapers. Senior citizens admitted free Friday, March 18th, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Children under age 12 admitted free at all times.

Opening Day Ceremony Slated For Home Show.

On Tuesday, March 15th, the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield will host a special Opening Day Ceremony at the Eastern States Exposition, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, to kick off its 35th year of producing New England's largest consumer oriented Home Show. State Secretary of Consumer Affairs Paula W. Gold will be the keynote speaker at this gala event which commences at 3:30 p.m.

President of the Home Builders Association of Massachusetts, Joseph Polcaro, along with local association President Helmut K. Marosits, will be among the many notables who will help launch this exciting six-day event. Ms. Gold's career as a government lawyer has been a testimony to her dedication as a protectionist for consumer interests. The Western Mass Home Show is especially proud to have this notable figure to lead off its "Show of Shows" which is a veritable showcase of products and services for all home dwellers, whether owners, renters, or perspective home buyers.

The festivities will feature, in addition to Ms. Gold's address, presentations by Home Show Chairman Robert F. Lloyd of Feeding Hills, a flag raising ceremony, music and marching by the Agawam High School Band and Color Guard and then the ribbon cutting ceremony.

At 5:00 p.m., the doors will be opened to the general public. There patrons will find two buildings with 670 booths ready to unveil the latest and most advanced in home technologies. In addition to the interior displays, eight model homes will be open for inspection in the open courtyard between the two buildings.

Eighty thousand patrons attended last year's Home Show. Chairman Lloyd predicts that the 1988 Western Mass Home Show will break all previous attendance records.

New Exhibitors Will Add Pizazz To Home Show

To keep crowds coming back, many brand new exhibitors from further around the country than ever before will lend new pizzazz to this year's Western Mass Home Show, March 15th to 20th, at the Eastern States Exposition Grounds, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

Chairman Robert F. Lloyd of Feeding Hills, owner of Lloyd Construction, Ltd., finds it important to keep the best exhibitions of past years, while offering new exhibitions to keep crowds coming back to New England's biggest Home Show.

A new feature is the Home Show Theater. It will offer new and exciting ideas for the home owner during four daily performances, Tuesday through Sunday.

"We're drawing exhibitors from North Carolina, Delaware, California, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, Tennessee, Illinois, Virginia, Texas, Georgia, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and all over New England," Lloyd says. Every booth space was sold out in early January. The increased fame of the show is bringing the best exhibitors featuring the latest in products and services.

"We're excited about the new features of this year's Home Show," said Lloyd. "We feel it's important that people know we're not just rehashing the same old stuff. Every year you come, you'll find new interests to inform, educate, and entertain you."

While useful home building and improvement tips are the key, making sure all patrons will find new ways to enjoy themselves, and their home, makes the show different and fun, year after year.

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S.T.A.R.T. To Unveil Huge New Facility

S.T.A.R.T. Sports Medicine/Physical Therapy will be officially unveiling their new 3,500 square foot renovated facility at 91 School Street, Springfield. The grand opening of their new rehabilitation and fitness gym, audio-visual and conference room, and isokinetic testing lab will take place Tuesday, March 22nd. The grand opening is being held in conjunction with their 10th Anniversary Open House. The open house will be held from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Demonstrations on state-of-the-art rehabilitation and fitness equipment will be ongoing, as well as tours of the facility, and the opportunity to talk with sports medicine and rehabilitation specialists.

S.T.A.R.T. is a leader in providing specialized care for sports active people throughout New England. They are also noted for their care of back pain and injury, and are one of only six facilities in New England to have a Cybex isokinetic back testing unit.

S.T.A.R.T. has worked with national sports celebrities Tim Daggett, Nancy Lieberman, John Cerutti, pitcher for the Toronto Blue Jays, and Alberto Alberdi of the Hartford Jai Alai, to name a few.

For more information, contact Nancy Caron, 788-6195.

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BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING SCHOOL DEPT.

The Agawam School Committee will hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 1989 School Budget on Thursday, March 17, 1988 at the Agawam Junior High School Auditorium, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. Time: 7:30 P.M., in accordance with Chapter 71, Section 38N.

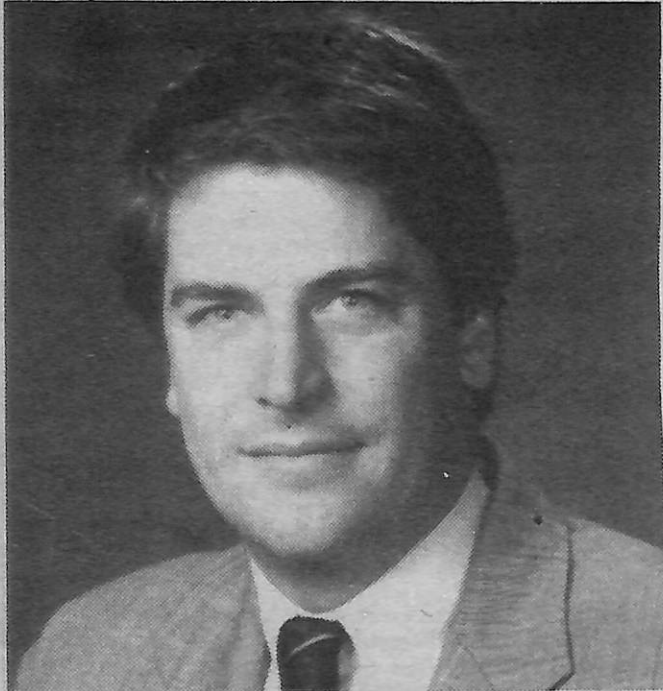
Silver Cloud Coach Co. Purchases Stretch Limo

Silver Cloud Coach Company, Inc. recently purchased a 1988 Lincoln Super Stretch Limousine. The owners of the company, Robert Orr and John Bennett are very proud of their new edition to the Rolls Royce fleet.

The car is approximately 30 feet long and is equipped with two color televisions, two bars, intercom system, and VCR. The interior is plush burgundy leather and the outside white on white.

They are presently involved with two excellent planners, "Party Prescriptions," with Candace Burnham and Barbara Figgie. They will plan and put together the most memorable events you could imagine. On the horizon is a "Murder Mystery" night at an area hotel. Barbara and Candace will be planning day trips to Newport, Rhode Island, and other locations utilizing Silver Cloud Coach Company's Rolls Royces and Limousine.

John Bennett says that the company is ready for a busy upcoming season with special rates on wedding packages and Prom night packages. To make those special moments the best in your life, call 786-5577.



JOE CURRAN

Joe Curran Named V.P. Of Curran-Jones Funeral Homes

Joe Curran has been named vice president of Curran-Jones Funeral Homes of West Springfield and Agawam. In his new position, Curran will oversee the day-to-day activities of the funeral service business.

A student of Stonehill College, North Easton, Curran majored in business management. He went on to New England Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences, Boston, where he studied anatomical sciences. Upon graduation, he was sworn in as a funeral director and licensed embalmer.

Presently, Curran is studying for his insurance license which will enable him to sell burial service insurance. There are 23 states which allow the sale of burial service insurance. In Massachusetts, the decision is in legislation.

Curran has been a life-long resident of West Springfield.



JOHN BENNETT OF FEEDING HILLS, co-owner of Silver Cloud Coach Company, Inc., proudly displays his new 1988 Lincoln Super Stretch Limousine. The car is approximately 30 feet long and is equipped with two color televisions, two bars, intercom system, and a VCR. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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North Woods Inn Getting Fine Reputation For Outstanding Food

by Cheryl Bruno
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Southwick: "Country charm just outside the city," is the motto of Southwick's newest fine dining establishment. The charm is immediately evident as you view the brick and wood exterior of the building, which has been a Southwick landmark on 90 Point Grove Road since the early 1940's.

Sparkling leaded glass windows and a massive arched oak door beckon you into the charming country atmosphere of the **North Woods Inn**.

The focal point of the main dining room, which serves on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, is an impressive grey stone, floor to ceiling, fireplace flanked by two wrought iron and Italian glass lanterns. Beautiful fresh greenery hangs from the beamed ceiling, and comfortable booths and cozy tables are set with glistening glasses and crisp peach linen napkins.

A large buffet area is surrounded by floral arrangements and tropical trees. The buffet offers a sumptuous variety of over 25 items, and is billed as the **North Woods Inn Champagne Brunch**. It is served on Sunday only, and is an "all you can eat" menu for just \$9.95, and includes two glasses of champagne or a Mimosa or Bloody Mary.

Co-owner, Gene Robinson, is also the Inn's chef. He commented that the restaurant's "Feast of the Valley," a complete meal from appetizer to dessert and coffee, with a special entree that changes nightly, is the finest in the area. Robinson was formerly the chef at Avon Old Farms and The Half Shell in Boston.

The other owners of the **North Woods Inn**, which opened in July, are Rich Baraglia, Cindy Packard, and Henry Packard. "Rich and I have both been in the restaurant business for 18 years," said Robinson. "Not long ago we decided to open our own establishment, and were attracted to the beautiful Southwick-Suffield area."

The charming Fireside Lounge, which serves on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, is a cozy, more intimate dining room, surrounded by the warmth of rich chestnut paneling, and shiny Vermont slate underfoot. Cozy leather pub chairs, a fireplace, and dimly lit green bankers'-style chandeliers add to the country charm which prevails throughout the restaurant.

A highly polished brass rail surrounds the bar, which



THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE NORTH WOODS INN, located at 90 Point Grove Road, Southwick. Reservations are recommended. The restaurant is open Tuesday - Sunday, including a delightful Sunday brunch.

offers a full liquor license. A piano bar, which offers entertainment on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, completes the picturesque charm in the Fireside Lounge.

After completing your dining experience, a six-piece Jazz Band entertains each Friday night in the Downstairs Lounge. The Lounge is decorated in a gold and white French motif, and offers a full bar.

The **North Woods Inn** menu offers appetizers from \$1.50 to \$5.95, —hot or cold antipasto for two. Homemade soups, crisp, fresh salads, and pastas are offered for your dining pleasure.

Dining at the **North Woods Inn** affords the culinary delights of fresh seafoods, succulent veal dishes, poultry, including, "Venetian Hen of the Glen"; medallions of chicken sauteed in garlic butter with mushrooms, tomatoes and sherry, and tender cuts of beef, cooked to order. Prices range from \$8.95 to \$16.95, and all entrees are cooked to order. Chef Gene is on hand to please, and also accommodates diners on special diets; low fat or low salt.

In addition to the fine dining and entertainment offered at **North Woods Inn**, complete banquet facilities for any type of celebration; showers, weddings, proms, retirements, etc., are also available.

The spacious Pavillion on the rear acreage of the restaurant can accommodate up to 600 people, and the Downstairs Lounge area seats 300 comfortably. Gene Robinson and company will custom design a menu for your special occasion, and the gracious host is more than happy to sit down, discuss your celebration, and offer original suggestions to make your special day a truly memorable occasion.

The staff at **North Woods Inn** would like to invite everyone to stop by and enjoy "continental food with an American flair." Coming soon—a non-smoking dining room.

North Woods Inn is centrally located, close to Suffield, Springfield, Westfield, and Agawam. They accept MasterCard, Visa, and American Express, and do recommend reservations. Call 569-0392. The restaurant is closed on Mondays.

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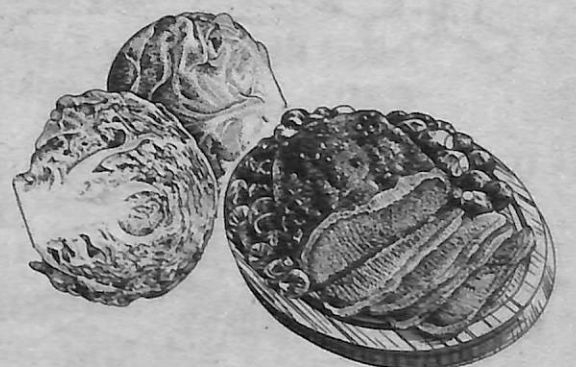
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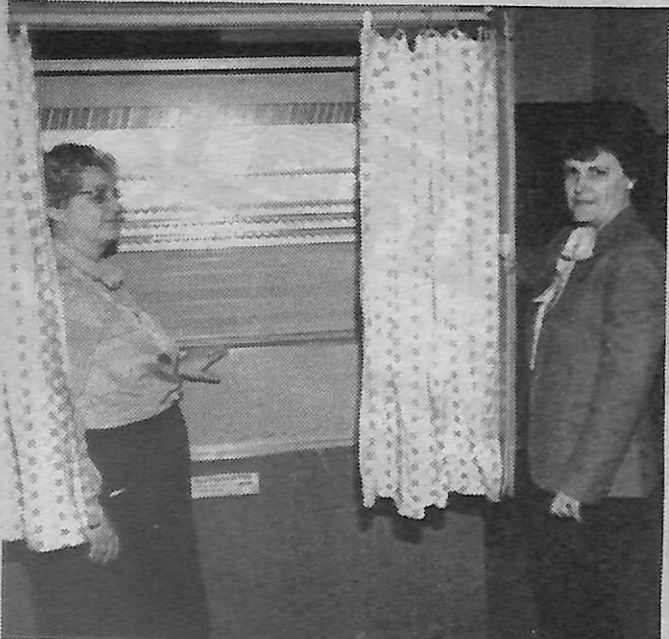
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CHECKING TO MAKE SURE THE voting booth is in working order at Clark School (Precinct 6) are Zoafia Demko, Teresa Moriarty, and Priscilla Peterson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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Dated this 7th day of March, 1988. Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel. no. 787-0391.

Petition No. 118038
Street, No. Westfield St. & North St. Ext.
Ursula Retzler
Council Clerk

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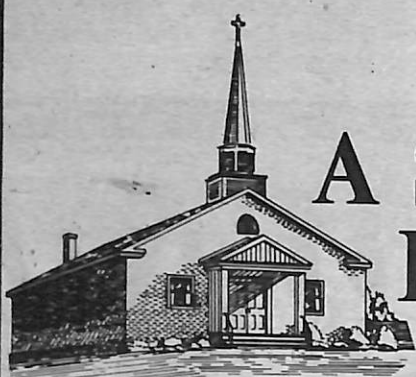
TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. FREDERICK H. D'AMATO who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20, Paragraph 8 Subsection g(3) of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the removal of fill from the premises identified as the rear of 595 MILL STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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in old Agawam...

by Marilyn & Dick Curry
Local Historians

Agawam's Civil War Hero - Dayton Morley: Mystery Remains

Part III of a three-part series

Questions Still Remain

At present there still remains a question as to Dayton Morley's year of death. However, we are content to accept the fact that the year of his death must have been 1916. Simple arithmetic will substantiate this fact.

Also, from this data we are able to conclude that Dayton Morley must have returned to Feeding Hills about the year 1904. This would mean that Dayton was in his late 70's (77 years of age to be exact) when he returned to the village, probably to take up residence with his only son, Frank.

The Springfield obituary clearly states that prior to his enlistment in the Union Army, Morley had moved to New York. This information easily accounts for his enlistment in the New York Regiment! Therefore, Everts' data is undoubtedly incorrect in assigning Morley to the Massachusetts 38th regiment.

Still, one must wonder as to why this native son of Agawam/Feeding Hills had originally moved to New York. Perhaps we shall never know the truth of the matter, but in time, we might learn more concerning his personal life.

Originally, we were ready to accept the possibility that Morley might still have been a resident of the Commonwealth and he had (for unknown reasons) enlisted in an out-of-state regiment. We were willing to follow through the Everts facts as far as possible—this is until Morley's obituary clearly located him as a resident of New York.

Possibly, Dayton Morley might still have been living in Feeding Hills at the time of his enlistment. Yet, he served in a New York regiment. This was further substantiated in "Massachusetts In The Civil War," Volume II, 1961, by Jordan D. Fiore: "In their eagerness

to serve, three thousand young men from Massachusetts enlisted in other states (six companies in New York State alone!)... Of course, we based this premise on Everts' data.

The question remained as to the exact date of enlistment for Dayton Morley. He would have been 34 years-old had he enlisted at the outset of the war in 1861; 35 years-old if he enlisted in 1862.

In any event, Dayton Morley certainly was of a patriotic nature to have offered his services to the nation during his mid-30's when the average age of enlistment was in the mid-20's.

Our earliest date of reference for the New York 38th is founded in Colonel John Ward's date of enlistment—October 1862. It is just possible that this was the beginning of the organization for that esteemed regiment, since it would comply with President Abe Lincoln's request for three year volunteers in May 1862.

If we equate the date of organization for the 38th Massachusetts with that of the 38th New York, we can assume the former regiment's call to duty came in July 1862. We base this fact on the organization of the Commonwealth's 38th Regiment's date of service as given in Bowen's history of that regiment: "...seven new regiments, in numerical order, from the Thirty-fifth to the Forty-first, inclusive, went in response to this demand."

Since regiments were formed and called into service in numerical order, we might easily assume that the 38th New York was also among the formations of regiments called to duty in mid-1862.

We are willing to speculate, once again, that at this time (1862) the native son from Feeding Hills and Agawam offered his services! If such were the case, then Dayton Morley was 35 years-old when he enlisted! His obituary refers to him as being "active" at the time of his death. Therefore, we can readily appreciate his apparent eagerness to serve his country in his mid-thirties.

These past 72 years this soldier-in-blue has rested peacefully in the Springfield Street Cemetery, hopefully content that he lived a full and fruitful life. Thus is the foundation stone upon which our present young people may find a basis in which they may cultivate their future endeavors!

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053.

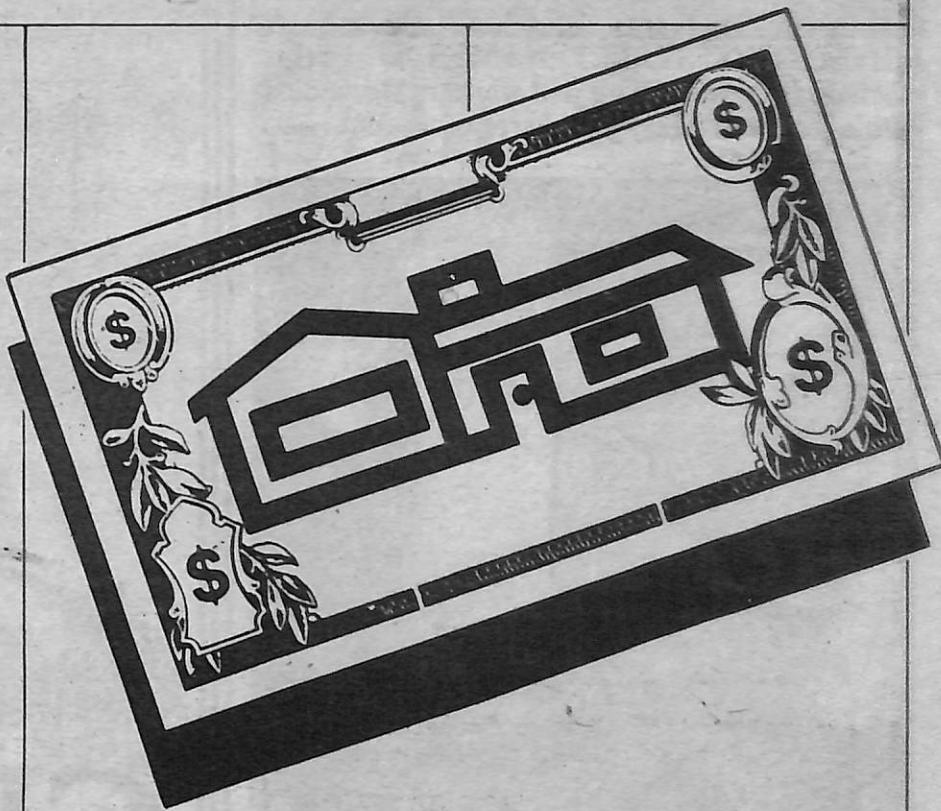
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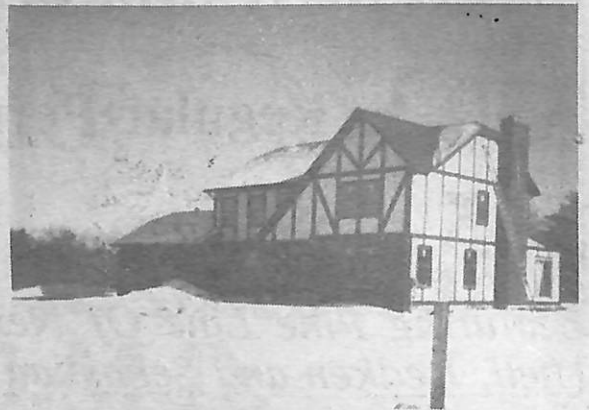


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News, Activities, Events At Agawam Senior Center

March 15th: Blood Pressure Clinic, 1:00 p.m., M-Z.

March 16th: Income Tax Assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

March 16th: 12:30 p.m., Marty Gallagher, representative from Hampden County Sheriff's Office. Subject: Senior Center Victory Garden.

March 17th: 12:30 p.m., Agawam Junior High School String Orchestra.

March 17th: Foot Nurses, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., by appointment.

March 17th: Special Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.

March 22nd: Energy Bingo, by Northeast Utilities, 12:30 p.m.

March 23rd: Income Tax Assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

March 30th: Income Tax Assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., by appointment.

ACTIVITIES:

March 16th: 12:30 p.m. If you are interested in being part of our "Victory Garden" project this year, please attend this program. The land is close by and will be ready for planting this spring. The use of land is compliments of the Hampden County Sheriff's Office.

March 17th: 11:45 a.m., St. Patrick's Day special menu and entertainment. Reservations are now open. Please note, only two reservations per person will be accepted. All

reservations will be numbered as they are received.

From "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center":

The Board of Directors and officers of "Friends" welcome more new members for 1988, and extend a thank-you for their support. They include **Raymond & Helene Petty, Priscilla Peterson, Frances Pedulla, Irene Pike, John & Edith Penney, Dorothy Phillips, Sam Provo, Helen Robbins, Viola Smith, Sandra Smith, Alice Soden, Elily Sliva, Stanley Syniec, Esther Straszko, Eva & Frederick Sanford, Ernest & Barbara Swanson, Lois Soper, Olive & Flory Scorzafava, Louis & Louise Scherpa.**

Membership applications are available at the Senior Center Ticket Booth. One does not have to be a senior citizen to join "Friends," only a resident of Agawam. Membership dues are only \$3, and new members are always welcome.

During the month of March, with each new membership application, you will receive a "Book of Poetry," a \$2 value.

If you have visited the Senior Center in the past week, you would have noticed a brand new, long awaited for full sized professional scale, compliments of "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center," your organization working for you, the seniors of Agawam. Funds received through memberships, contributions, and fundraisers, make these purchases possible.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime unless a holiday changes our schedule. We will notify you of changes in deadline 1 week in advance.

TRIPS FOR 1988:

April 17th and 18th: Fall River, Vanity Fair, and much more. Please visit or call the Ticket Booth for more information on accommodations, etc.

April 12th: White Hart Inn, Banquet Theatre, Salisbury, Connecticut. \$29.75.

May 19th: West Point, Gash of Japan, Brotherhood Winery. \$34.

July 21st: Spirit of Boston, Lobster Clam Bake, plus a tour of the Mapparium-Western Hemisphere.

August 9th: Luncheon cruise around Manhattan Island by World Yacht Cruises. \$43 per person includes all gratuities.

October: Le Grand David Majic Show, Larcom Theatre, Beverly, Massachusetts, with lunch at Kings Grant Inn, Danvers, Massachusetts.

If you would like more information on any Senior Center trip, feel free to call 786-0122 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday when the Ticket Booth is open.

Senior Citizen discount forms for cable television services are available at the Agawam Senior Center, 57 Wright Street.

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For Your Health

How's The Family???

Emotions & Passion Powerful Forces In Family

by Dr. Warren F. Schumacher
associate professor
University of Massachusetts

The roles we play as family members become extremely demanding and costly if they become mainly roles in a play rather than honest expressions of deep feelings and values. The spouse who is acting married while being alone; the daughter who pretends to behave as the innocent virgin, yet, in truth, is sexually very active; the son who makes believe others spiked his drink when he actually has been experimenting with drugs for some time; the middle-aged man who talks about future holidays with his dad while knowing that terminal illness will soon take this father from his side—all masks to hide resentment and love, fear and loneliness, boredom and passion.

Emotions are powerful forces within the human person. Both boys and girls, men and women pay a terrible price when they attempt to pour cold water over their strong feelings and deceive other family members about how they really feel. In the long run it seems better for all concerned for family members to get in touch with their own emotions and to express them with a delicate honesty and sensitivity.

How many husbands and wives are locked into the routine of daily family obligation? When living becomes a matter of routine, people give up the sensitivity to their own inner feelings. Once we have programmed out of our own awareness our own deep experience, how is it possible to stay in tune with the passion within someone else? The warmth and sadness, the excitement, and the coldness of too many married

people are lost in the daily routine of money worries and the job, the kids' homework, and "what's for dinner"!

So many marriages end in divorce not because of a lack of love, but because of weeks and years of unexpressed boredom and loneliness, misunderstandings, and lack of communication. If the adult relationship is to survive, husband and wife have to make time to be alone, share how they truly feel, express to one another both the unpleasant as well as the pleasant emotions they experience about their marriage.

The expression of deep emotions is blocked by the moral attitude that too many people bring to this subject of inner feelings. They feel free to talk about happiness and hope, joyful expectation and peace because they are considered "good" emotions. But many are not able to express feelings of hate and despair, depression and boredom because they are considered "bad." Isn't that crazy! Sentiments felt deep inside of us are just human experiences; some are felt as pleasant, some as unpleasant, but they are neither "good" or "bad." Emotions only take on moral value when they are expressed in some kind of behavior.

How many teens and their parents are playing the game of deception. On the one hand, the adolescent finds it impossible to talk with mom or dad about those inner feelings of fear and anxiety, worry and resentment, panic about the future, and strong sexual drive.

On the other hand, adults think that they have to

hide their own fears about middle age and despair over the job situation, their depression over the fact that there never seems to be time to spend with the children any more and their guilt that they have not lived up to their own expectations about the kind of parent they wanted to be. So much energy is used up hiding all these emotions that very little is left for constructive conversation. Teens end up by avoiding any serious discussion with dad or mom; parents slip into lots of anger or revert to silliness and teasing. But both wear masks and avoid the real issues.

How many sick or elderly people feel isolated from their loved ones because they are all walking on eggs, jumping over real issues, and "going tip toe through the tulips." Everyone starts to fake it when the issue of death looms on the horizon. The masks go up and people begin to protect themselves from those deep feelings of guilt and anger, love and resentment.

Somehow it seems easier at the time to avoid the memory of those warm loving moments in order to escape the equally deep feelings of despair over the moments that had been wasted. So we "fake it" and make believe that we have even more time to waste by talking about nonsense instead of opening the box of past memories and present emotions.

Make a decision. Figure out whether it's worth it to continue to cover up your true feelings with the mask of deception. Maybe that cost is too high. Sure, it's a risk to expose those deep emotions to a loved one; it's also risky to wear the mask.

"New Dining Experience" For Diabetics At Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital will be offering "A New Dining Experience," a six-session program for diabetics and anyone on a modified weight reduction diet, on March 23rd, 30th, April 6th, 14th, 20th, and 27th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the Mercy Hospital Dining Room.

Registered nurses and registered dietitians, in cooperation with the Mercy Hospital Dining Room and kitchen chefs, will present the actual selection,

preparation, and cooking of restricted meals. Each session focuses on understanding and complying with the U.S. dietary guidelines in everyday lifestyles, and new ways of cooking foods for better compliance and more enjoyment.

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An Agawam woman was recently recognized by Baystate Medical Center as a "player" on the hospital's first All-Star Team, a new program designed to acknowledge exceptional employee job performance.

Shirley Marcil of Plantation Drive was among the first group of employees honored. Marcil, a registered nurse in the Output Medical Services department was honored as an outstanding nursing employee.

Each quarter, five new All-Star Team "players" are selected from among nearly 4,000 employees. Each player fulfills a specific job category and is chosen based on nominations submitted by colleagues, patients, or visitors.

According to Barbara Perry, marketing associate and a key figure in the development of the All-Star program, all of the players have exhibited cooperation with fellow employees, an outstanding customer relations attitude and have put forth that "extra effort" in their daily duties.

Members of the All-Star Team receive a special pin and the choice of a recognition gift. Team photos are also displayed throughout the Medical Center, Perry said.

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The second stomach exercise is performed while still on your back; put your hands under your buttock with your legs out straight. Slowly lift both legs together about six inches off the floor and hold for five seconds. Let both legs down slowly to rest for a few seconds. Repeat this 10 to 12 times to begin with while trying to add one more for each day of exercise. Remember to breathe—don't hold your breath!

A daily 20-minute walking program S.T.A.R.T.-ing with a comfortable pace will help burn off extra

calories. Keep in mind that a minimum of four days a week is needed to gain benefits. Try increasing your walking program by 10 minutes each one or two weeks. A consistent walking program will actually help your body become more efficient in burning calories over time.

A slight change in diet to include less greasy foods, low fat dairy products, and more complex carbohydrates, such as rice, potatoes, pasta, etc.

The American Heart Association recommends that fats should not be more than 25 percent of your diet, and of the fat intake, less than 10 percent be from saturated fats. Those fats are typically from butter and red meats.

Just taking in slightly less calories will get you to your end result of a more realistic weight loss. That way you can see that nice toned-up stomach muscle rather than having it covered over with fat!

A great idea would be to call **Fitness First, 786-1460**, for a free appointment. The fitness director will take a quick skin fold measurement to give you an idea of what your percent of body fat is.

A few weeks later, have your measurement taken again to see if you have actually changed the percent of your body fat. The combination of weight change and body fat is a much better representation of weight loss.

Well-Baby Clinic Set For March 16th

The Well-Baby Clinic is scheduled for March 16th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., at the Senior Center, Wright Street, Agawam.

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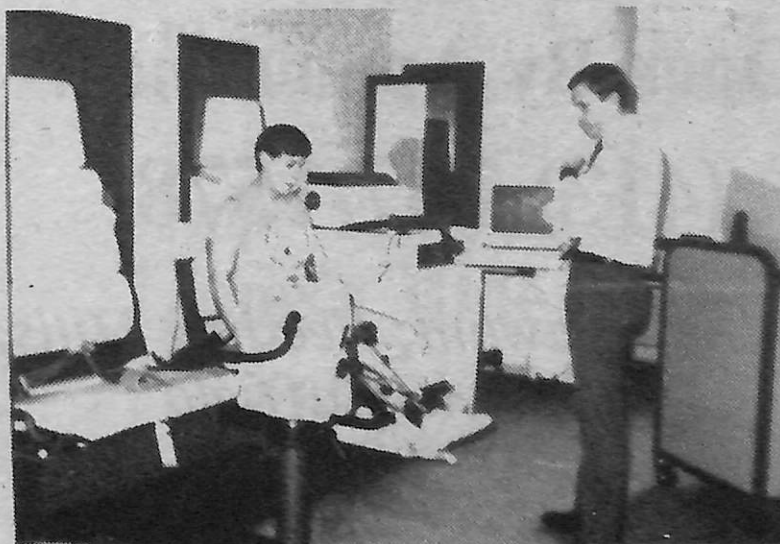
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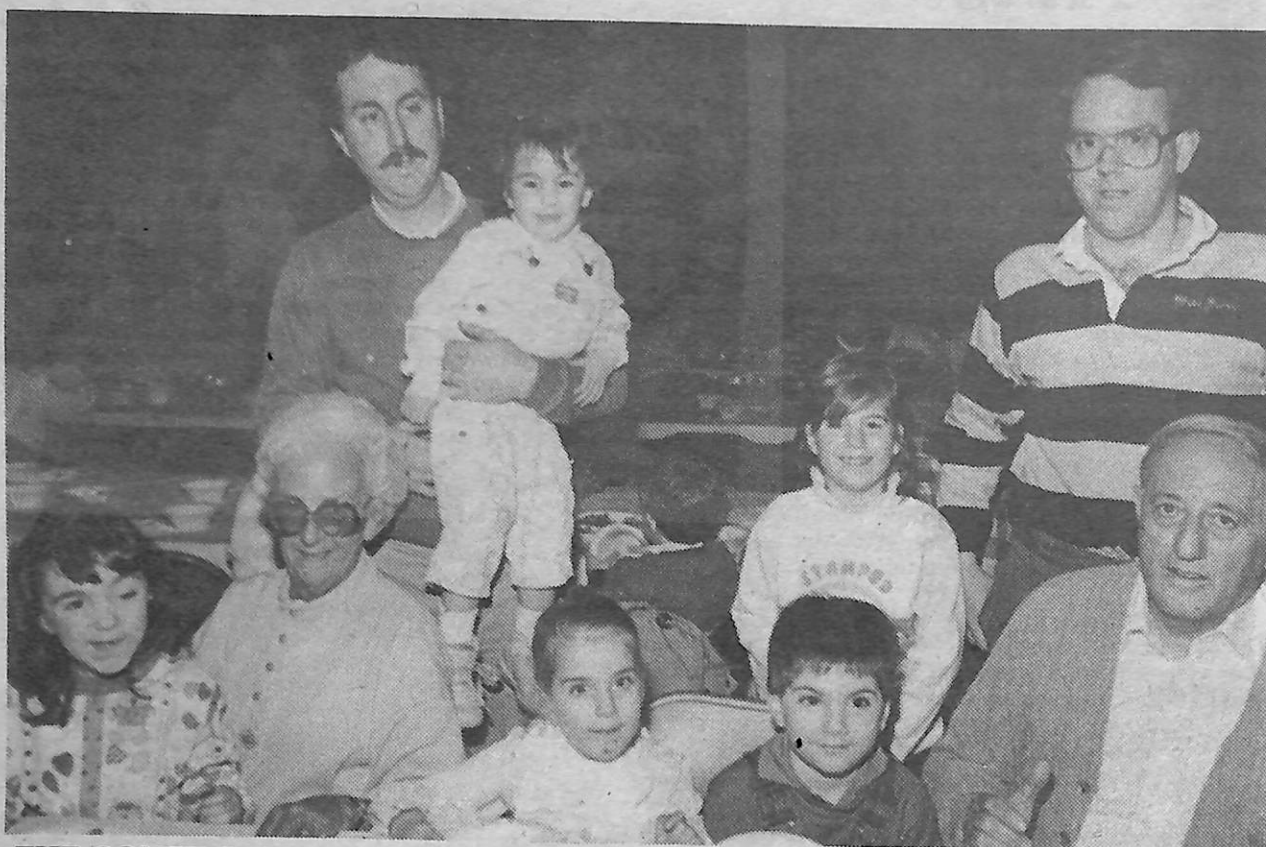
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ENJOYING DOROTHY WARREN, Jean Clifford, and Clinty Warren enjoy their meal at the Italian Sporting Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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"See How They Run" Good Comedy By ART

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

The most hectic, misunderstood, and sometimes hilarious situations can occur as a result of the most innocent intentions, as is demonstrated in the popular comedy *See How They Run*, the latest production of the Agawam Repertory Theatre (ART).

The three-act, Philip King farce, which ran last Friday and Saturday, has four more performances scheduled for the next two Fridays (March 11th and 18th) and Saturdays (March 12th and 19th). All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Winthrop Room of The Ridgefield/Parwick Centre, 450 Memorial Drive, Chicopee (across from the Fairfield Mall).

Set in a vicarage in a small English village, *See How They Run* deals with the problems that arise from the unexpected reunion between two American friends, Penelope Toop (Donna Claxton) and Clive Winton (Brent Northup). Penelope and Clive were once stage actors in a troupe that performed such shows as Noel Coward's *Private Lives*, but now, they are leading lives that are far removed from the world of live theatre; she is the wife of the local English vicar, Reverend Lionel Toop (Robert Freedman), and he is a U.S. Army corporal who is stationed in England.

As a consequence of their chance meeting, Penelope and Clive decide to spend an evening together by going to a nearby town to see a production of *Private Lives*. However, Clive cannot go to this town dressed in his corporal's uniform because this locale is beyond the boundary of the area in which his time off from duty is to take place.

But, Penelope has an idea that she believes will work. She takes one of her husband's suits from the closet and tells Clive that he can pass himself off as a vicar for the night. Clive then decides to go along with her well-meaning plan, though he is worried that something might happen.

Unfortunately for both Penelope and him, something does happen; in fact, lots of things happen before normalcy returns once again. For starters, a woman named Miss Skillon (Cil Long) pays one of her visits to the currently away Reverend Toop. This middle-aged and priggish busybody is the kind of person whose presence is often untimely and unwanted, and her latest appearance sets off a chain of events that cause even more trouble than she usually does.

In and of itself, *See How They Run* is not a perfect play. Its plot is comprised of outlandishly farfetched moments that are a bit too preposterous for even farces such as this one, and its three-act length does tend to drag out the story a bit.

Yet, under the energetic direction of Alyce Cunningham, these shortcomings are offset by the pacing and the performances in this ART production. Miss Cunningham gets generally solid efforts from her nine-member cast, and the vivacious quality of this acting manages to both hold our interest and smooth over some of the play's rough spots.

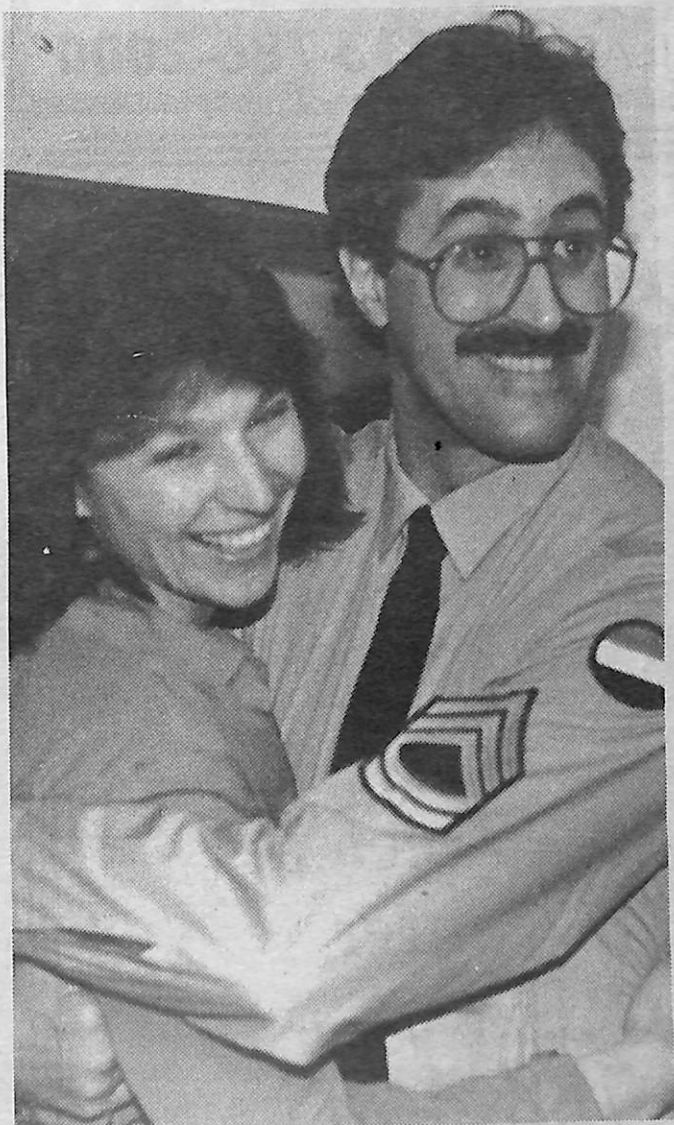
Among the minor characters in *See How They Run* are a Russian spy (Joel Schnur) who has escaped from

a nearby military prison, and a British sergeant (Jim Cooper) who does not know what this escapee looks like yet is determined to bring this dangerous man back into custody. Actually, the conflicts involving these men have no relation to the actions of Penelope Toop and Clive Winton, but they eventually do a good job of complicating matters that originally started when Penelope suggested that Clive don some of her husband's religious clothing.

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MICHAEL SERAFIN and DONNA CLAXTON in "See How They Run," the latest production from the Agawam Repertory Theatre.



DONNA CLAXTON and BRENT NORTHUP share an amusing moment in the Agawam Repertory Theatre's production of the comedy "See How They Run."

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Two additional characters enhance the humorous confusion that abounds in *See How They Run*. In the part of the Reverend Arthur Humphrey, a visiting vicar who is to deliver a sermon at Reverend Toop's church, Michael Serafin turns in a funny portrayal of a mild-mannered man who gradually becomes unglued as he accidentally becomes embroiled in the frolicsome fray.

And, the same thing can be said for the Bishop of Lax, another visitor to the Toop's vicarage who just happens to be Penelope's uncle. Well-played by Bob Lawson, this character exudes a perfectly blustery demeanor that becomes indignant when other people do not automatically listen to him.

As a maid named Ida, Agawam's Valerie Hoepner conveys a delightfully plucky persona and speaks with a credible yet amusing British accent. The character of Ida is prominently featured in many of the play's best and funniest moments, and Miss Hoepner does her best to bring out the hilarity of these moments to their fullest.

In the role of Miss Skillon, Miss Long occasionally steals the show. This actress provides Miss Skillon with an uppity and self-righteous personality that is very enjoyable to watch, and her performance becomes even more droll when her character feels the effects of drinking too much cooking sherry.

As the Reverend Lionel Toop, Freedman is very impressive. He depicts this British man of the cloth as a laid-back, mousy individual who has difficulty when it comes to speaking his opinion or trying to curb the outspoken tendencies of his wife Penelope. And, like the aforementioned Reverend Humphrey and the Bishop of Lax, he is humorous when he projects a sense of flustered frustration after he comes into contact with the plot's vexatious developments.

Corporal Clive Winton is a somewhat difficult character to portray because it is a straightforward, leading-man part that is limited to reacting to the turbulent situations around himself. Fortunately, Northup fleshes out this character as much as possible with an affable and boyishly good-natured temperament, and he employs frantic physical movements and anxious emotional outbursts to communicate Clive's nervousness and regret regarding his agreement to follow Penelope's seemingly harmless scheme in the first place.

Miss Claxton deserves many kudos for her most entertaining performance in the part of Penelope Toop. An independent-minded young woman who likes to do what she wants, Penelope often finds herself in an unfavorable standing with such characters as Miss Skillon, and Miss Claxton infuses her role with a sense of strong-willed determination and a carefree attitude that shrugs off those people who don't agree with her beliefs and actions.

But, when the farcical predicaments snowball throughout the course of *See How They Run*, this actress expresses Penelope's quick-thinking mentality and resolve by way of a fearless demeanor and an ability to calmly adapt to any unnerving situation.

***PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Tickets for the Agawam Reperetory Theatre's (ART) production of the Philip King comedy *See How They Run* can be purchased at the door prior to the start of any of the remaining performances.

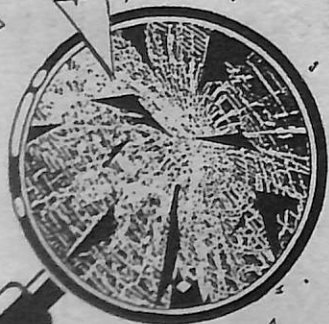
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Tuesday Morning Music Club To Meet

The Tuesday Morning Music Club will present Marsha Harbison, violin, Margot Rowland, horn, and Galina Gertsenzon, piano, playing the Brahms Horn Trio in E Flat Major on their program 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 15th, at the Esther B. Griswold Theatre for the Performing Arts, American International College campus, 1000 State Street, Springfield.

All well-known musicians, Marsha Harbison is presently assistant concertmistress of the Springfield Symphony.

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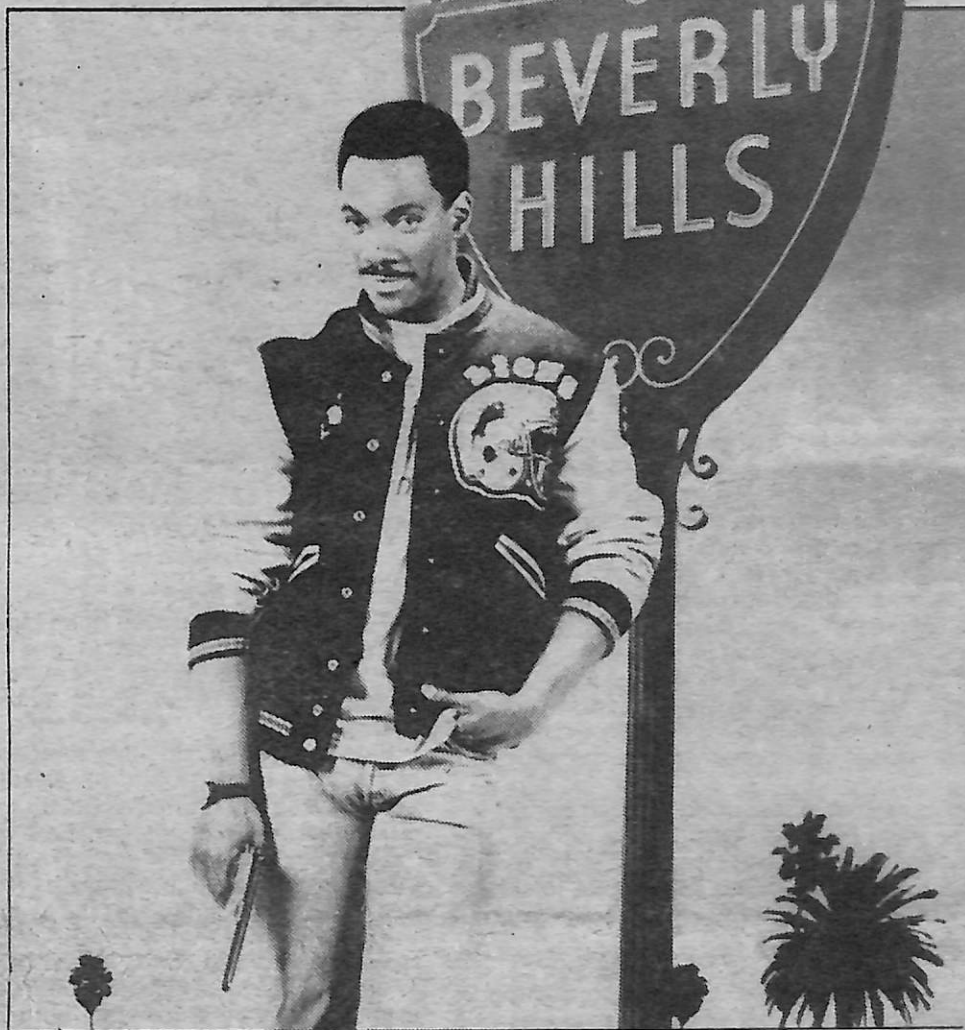


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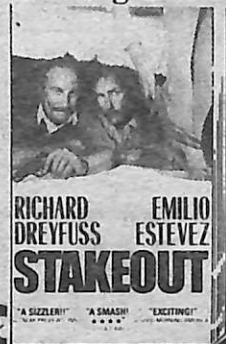
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"Evening Of Murder" Another Unforgettable Show By Suf. Players

by Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

After staging their unforgettable production of the rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Suffield High School auditorium last November, the Suffield Players have returned to Mapleton Hall to present "An Evening of Murder and Mystery," a delightfully entertaining show that continues this community theatre group's successful celebration of their historic 35th anniversary season.

This two-play production, which ran last Thursday through Saturday, has four more performances scheduled for the next two Fridays (March 11th and 18th) and Saturdays (March 12th and 19th). All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. at Mapleton Hall, Mapleton Avenue, Suffield.

"An Evening of Murder and Mystery" starts off with Lucille Fletcher's *Sorry, Wrong Number*, a classic one-act thriller that became a well-known motion picture starring Barbara Stanwyck. In this story, a bedridden woman (Mary K. Makoski) is by herself in her home one evening because her husband is working very late at his office.

Feeling apprehensive at being left alone as well as being anxious for her spouse to return, she attempts to call his office in order to hear his reassuring voice. But, due to a mix-up in the phone lines, this invalid lady accidentally overhears two hoodlums (Mark Proulx and E.J. Gogulski) talking about a sickly woman whom they are going to murder this particular night.

And, as this most nefarious conversation continues, she begins to realize with deadly clarity that she is to be their intended victim.

Serving as a well-staged opening for "An Evening of Murder and Mystery," *Sorry, Wrong Number* is a taut tale of irony and suspense, and its enthralling qualities are enhanced by an effective blend of eerie music and loud sound effects. As for the acting, Miss Makoski turns in a fine portrayal of a vulnerable woman who grows more and more frightened as the plot progresses.

Moreover, she is ably supported by such performers as John Howland as an Irish police officer, the aforementioned Proulx and Gogulski, and Margie Secora and Kimberly L. Wilker as various telephone operators who provide the play with some humorous comic relief.

Part two of this Suffield Players production is *Decidedly Deadly*, an original whodunit that was written by three members of this community theatre organization: Gene Biggio, George E. Chartier, and Lyle W. Pearsons.

In this story, a stage actress (Mary K. Makoski) is murdered during a particular performance, and a private eye named Watson Cambridge (Phil Prather) is determined to get to the bottom of this most dastardly deed.

However, Cambridge himself is a suspect in this case, as are the following nine people:

- Brett Studworth (E.J. Gogulski), a dashing young actor who is quite a ladies' man;
- Pheobe Bebe (Kelly Seip), the stage manager for the ill-fated performance;
- Hope Foley (Kimberly L. Wilker), a young actress who joined the performance by way of a combination of good luck and ambition;
- Lorenzo McKenzie (Mark Proulx), a volatile actor who recently had an argument with the victim;
- Lance Manley (Tim O'Brien), the director of the show and the son of the late actress;
- Rose Ready (Margie Secora), the best friend and understudy to the victim;
- Leo Lumen (Dana T. Ring), an extremely unhappy



ONE OF THE MORE TUMULTUOUS moments in the Suffield Players' *An Evening Of Murder and Mystery*.

light and sound man;

- Malcolm Montcraven (John Howland), the late actress' long-suffering husband; and

- Dr. Fellstern (Frank Pike), a physician who's brought into the action purely by chance.

Biggio, Chartier, and Pearsons deserve a great deal of credit for writing *Decidedly Deadly* because besides being a skillfully crafted whodunit in its own right, it is also a lighthearted send-up of the mystery genre.

This play has all the earmarks of the kind of detective dramas that such authors as Agatha Christie and Rex Stout were noted for, but it also boasts crisply-written dialogue that is chock-full of puns which will make you groan and laugh at the same time. Therefore, *Decidedly Deadly* fulfills a two-fold purpose in that it can be enjoyed by both those theatergoers who relish mysteries and those who get their kicks via comedies.

What's more, Pearsons, as the director of this story as well as the preceding *Sorry, Wrong Number*, does a marvelous job of both keeping the entire show moving along at a brisk and energetic pace, and getting first-rate performances from the entire cast of this original play.

But, what's even more notable about *Decidedly Deadly* is that it involves the participation of the audience. During each performance, theatergoers will have an opportunity to win prizes by solving the mystery that lies at the heart of this plot.

At each table in the cabaret-style interior of Mapleton Hall there is a detective kit which you will be asked to open at one point in the production. Then, with the help of the items inside of the kit, you can

discuss your thoughts about the mystery with the other people at your table, as well as walk around to other tables and learn additional clues that will help you even more.

In addition, during two 15-minute intermissions, the members of the audience can talk to the actors and actresses who comprise the list of suspects of *Decidedly Deadly*. This ensemble of performers is not only excellent in regard to their respective onstage roles, but it can stand up to the most inquisitive interrogating that any sleuthing theatergoers can put forth.

Besides taking on the duties of amateur detectives, some of the people in the audience will be given the chance to come on the stage. At one point in *Decidedly Deadly*, the cast members attempt to reenact the crime and, thus, require volunteers from the audience to help them do so.

All in all, "An Evening of Murder and Mystery" represents both another outstanding production from the ever-creative minds of the Suffield Players, and a unique opportunity to experience a fun-filled kind of intimacy that only live theatre can offer.

***PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Tickets for the Suffield Players' "An Evening of Murder and Mystery" are \$7 each. At presstime, the remaining shows are nearly sold out. To inquire about any seats that still might be available, call (203) 627-5749.**



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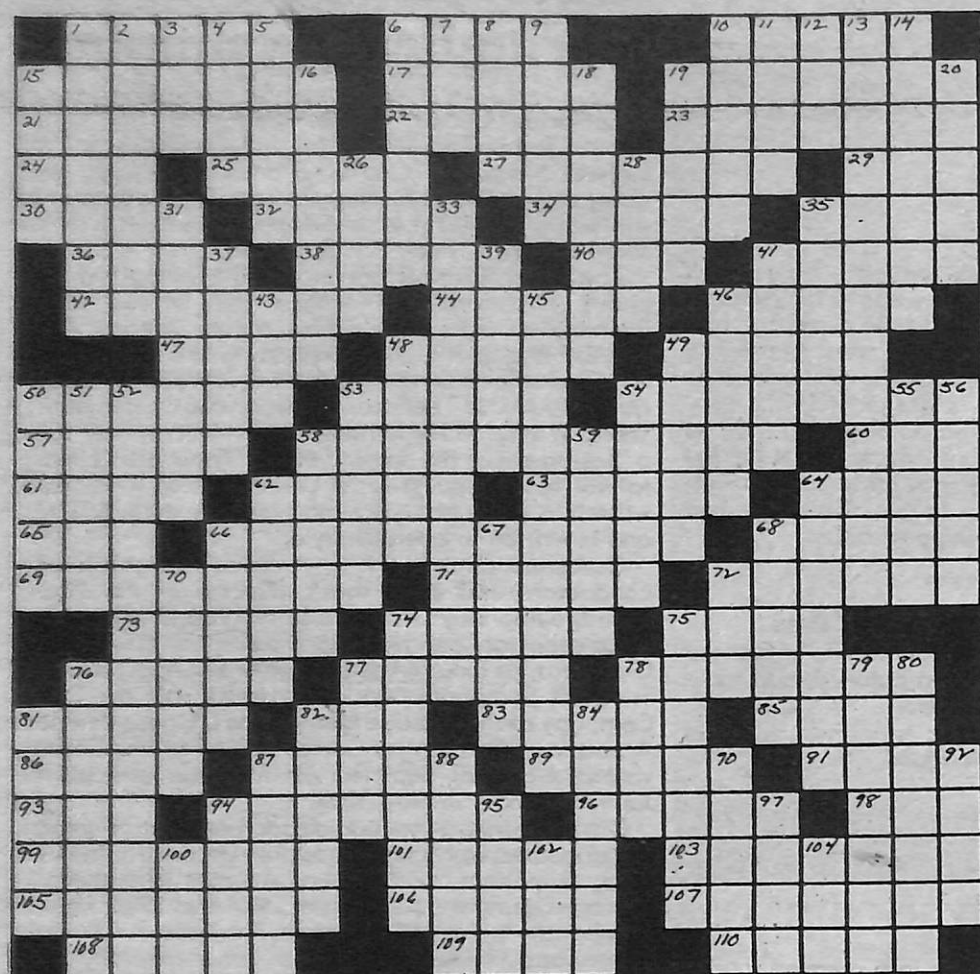
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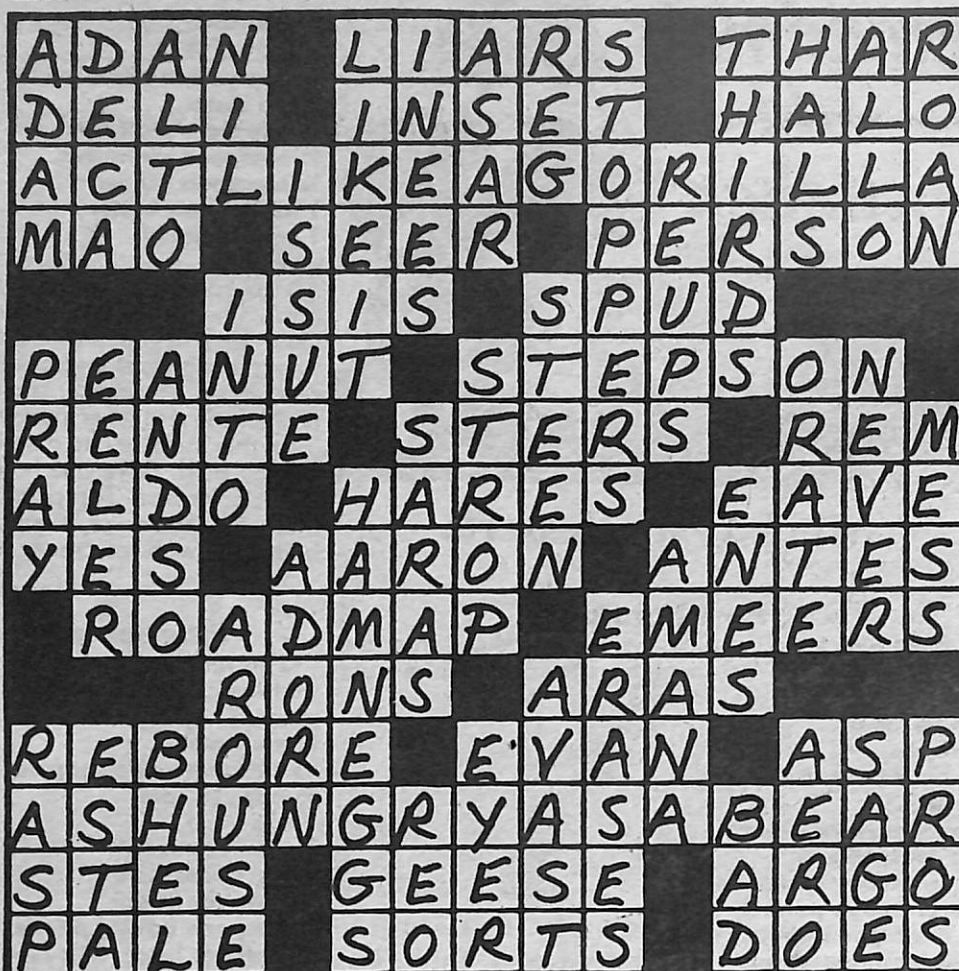
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Participants should bring the following supplies to the workshop: large plastic bucket, scissors, tape measure, old small towel, small flathead screwdriver, 12 clip clothespins, utility knife, and pencil and notepaper.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for all workshops. Please contact the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080, for more information.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

Local Women On Bay Path's Homecoming Committee

Two local women are among the members of the 1988 Bay Path Junior College Homecoming Committee, which is preparing for the Saturday, May 7th, and Sunday, May 8th, get-together on campus scheduled annually for alumni of the college and its coeducational predecessor, Bay Path Institute.

They include Nancy Neilson LaMonica of Barry Street, Feeding Hills, co-chairwoman, and Shelby Acker Teixeira of Suffield Street, Agawam.

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More Tasty Desserts

Sweet Potato Pie

This is a one-crust pie. The filling and pie crust are cooked together. You can either use your favorite crust or use the recipe that follows.

Ingredients:

Filling:

- 1 pound sweet potatoes
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon allspice
- 1 can evaporated milk

Method:

Cook the sweet potatoes and when they are done mash them. In a large bowl, beat the eggs and add the remaining ingredients. Add the potatoes and pour into a chilled pastry shell. Bake at 375 degrees until done, approximately 30 minutes. Serve with whipped cream.

Pastry:

- 1 1/2 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 4 tablespoons butter

Method:

In a bowl combine the flour and salt. Cut in the shortening until crumbly. Add the butter and cut again. Add small amounts of very cold water (ice water is better) until the pastry just holds together.

Indian Pudding

Ingredients:

- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup water
- 3/4 cup light molasses
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 egg, optional

Method:

In a saucepan heat the milk until it bubbles. In a bowl mix the cornmeal into the water until smooth. Heat the oven to 300 degrees. Add the cornmeal mixture to the milk along with 1/2 cup molasses, cinnamon, and ginger. Stirring constantly, cook the mixture until it is thick. If a thicker pudding is desired add the egg. Turn this mixture into a well-greased one quart shallow baking dish. Bake one hour until thick and a golden crust is formed. Top pudding with butter and 1/4 cup molasses. Set aside 30 minutes to cool. This may also be served with ice cream or whipped cream.

Pineapple Breakfast Muffins

This recipe was sent to us by Jeannie who says these muffins are easy to make, low in calories, and taste great. They are made in a blender.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup crushed pineapple, undrained
- 1/2 cup dry milk
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup cornmeal
- 2 teaspoons flour
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

Method:

Blend for one minute and pour into greased muffin tins. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

Old Fashioned Muffins

Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Method:

In a bowl combine flour cutting in the butter and shortening. When this is crumbly, add all other dry ingredients. To this mixture add the milk, eggs, and vanilla. Combine until smooth. Bake in a well-greased muffin tin for 20 to 25 minutes at 400 degrees.

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs, beaten

Guest Conductor At Springfield Symphony

Catherine Comet, music director of the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the Springfield Symphony Orchestra on March 19th, with guest soloist David Shifrin, clarinet. The performance will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Symphony Hall. It is sponsored in part by Peter Pan Bus Lines.

The March 19th performance by the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will feature the United States Premiere of Schwertsik's *Five Nature Pieces*. Additionally, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra will perform Prokofiev's *Symphony No. 5* and Weber's *Clarinet Concerto No. 2*. The Prokofiev work was written during World War II, and was intended by the composer to be a "testament of the spirit of man." The Weber concerto will feature guest artist David Shifrin. This work, written in 1811, has lyrical and songlike melodic lines, and is written in operatic style.

Catherine Comet, one of America's brightest new conductors, has been music director of the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra since 1986. She has served as associate conductor for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, as Exxon/Arts Endowment conductor of the St. Louis Symphony, and as conductor of the Ballet Company of the Theatre National de L'Opera de Paris. A native of Paris, Miss Comet studied at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique and at the Juilliard School in New York.

David Shifrin, a much-in-demand orchestral soloist, has appeared with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony, and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. During the summers of 1984 and 1985, he performed at the Mostly Mozart Festivals at Lincoln Center and the Kennedy Center, on a specially built basset clarinet. His recent collaborations have included appearances with the Guarneri Quartet at Lincoln Center, and with the Vermeer, Fine Arts, and New World String Quartets. Shifrin is music director of Chamber Music Northwest, and is currently professor of Music at Yale University.

Tickets for the March 19th concert range from \$8 to \$25. They may be purchased at the Springfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office, 31 Elm Street (Court Square), Springfield, or call PHONECHARGE, 733-2291. This concert is partially funded by the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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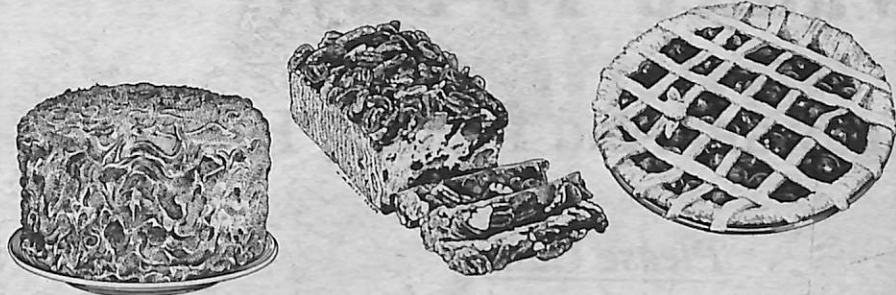
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Education

PTO's Meet With Bruno & Charest To Exchange Information

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

In an ongoing effort to keep communication between parents and school administrators open, Superintendent James V. Bruno invited parent representatives from each Agawam school to a Superintendent-Parent Council meeting last Thursday.

Bruno and Assistant Superintendent Donald Charest were pleased to introduce Attorney Richard Morassi (a parent at Agawam High School) to PTO presidents Joan Bitgood (Clark), Alma Benton (Granger), Louise Abdow (Phelps), Terri Machia (Robinson), and Dee Nacewicz (Middle). This was the first time since the inception of these meetings three years ago that the high school had a representative present.

The meetings were first organized by Susan Pettazzoni (Granger PTO president '85-86) to expand Granger's "Kids On The Block" (handicapped puppets) to a townwide program called H.A.P.P.E. (Handicap Awareness Program Promoting Education).

Since that time the PTO's have coordinated many townwide programs and speakers. Bruno said, "Sue Pettazzoni and Iris Copson were invited to serve as our 'at-large' representatives because of their ongoing interests in our educational system."

After introductions, Bruno gave a brief update on Agawam's per student spending. "Agawam has increased their per student capita from \$936 below the state average in '85-86 to \$826 (with E.E.O.G. state funds) for 1986-87, our most recent figures. This increase shows the state that Agawam is maintaining an effort to reach the state's 85 percent requirement by fiscal year 1989. But we still need to get about 13 percent more. The \$826 puts us 28 percent below state average."

Bruno then complimented the town/school relationship through the Police Department working in the schools on the DARE program being successful. "Crime Prevention Officer Wayne Macey has done an excellent job with the program and the schools have been very cooperative," said Bruno.



SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS James V. Bruno (left) and Associate Superintendent Donald Charest (standing-right) are pictured with PTO representatives. Standing - Dee Nacewicz, Sue Pettazzoni, Joan Bitgood, Louise Abdow, and Iris Copson. Seated - Alma Benton, Teri Machia, and Attorney Richard Morassi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bruno's resolve to continue with other matters was interrupted constantly by questions that focused on the parents' concerns about Agawam's ability to provide quality education was being impaired by town cuts in the school budget, and the inability to reach the state's 85 percent spending requirement.

Dee Nacewicz also voiced concern about "the drastic cuts (over \$50,000) in the Middle School budget made at the School Committee's deliberations on March 1st."

Bruno said the School Committee realizes such a large increase in one year would probably be nixed by

the Town, and that it was the School Committee's job to review the budget and make reductions to eliminate any possible duplications submitted by school administration.

"Our present budget increase began at 14.7 percent this year. Last year, an 8.9 percent budget increase was approved. Recommendations made to reduce this increase during deliberations are not programmatic. The School Committee wants to submit an honest budget (to the town council) based on needs throughout the entire school system."

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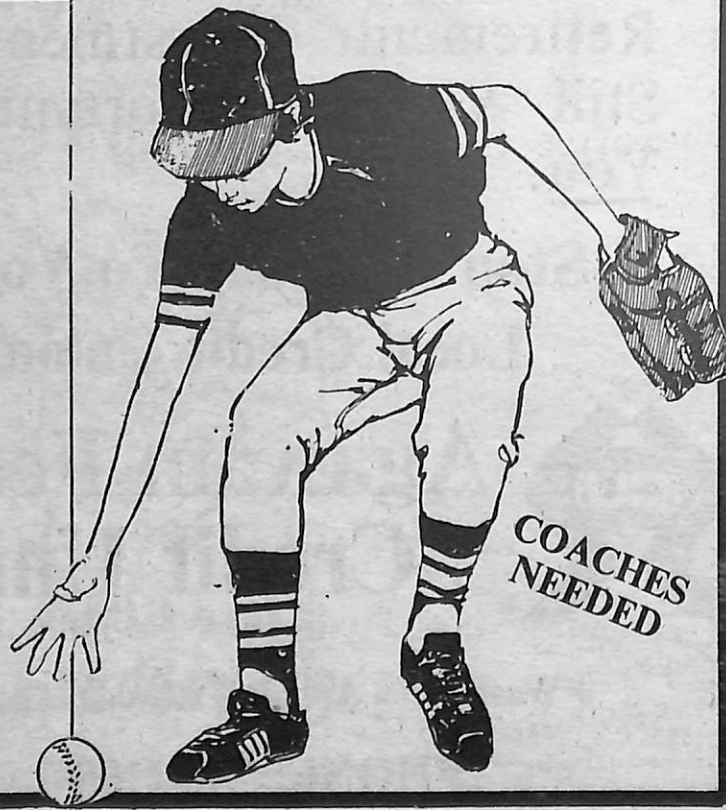
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Charest added, "This year salaries alone will increase our budget by 8 percent, through the 6½ percent teachers' contract, plus 'step' and 'longevity' increases in various salaries. This means the School Committee members are actually working with only 6.7 percent of the budget increase (from the total 14.7 percent) when assessing the needs for everything else."

Attorney Morassi asked Bruno where Agawam's per student spending was in relationship to surrounding communities. Bruno responded, "We are still in the lower 25 percentile, but we were last on the list before this year."

Asked if E.E.O.G. state funds would continue, Bruno answered, "The School Improvement Councils will be notified that the state legislature has approved another \$5 per student to be spent by June 30th, 1988, for each school. The state is requiring that a needs assessment be done to examine long and short range plans to improve education."

Bruno also discussed the completion of the C.A.P.P. (Child Abuse Prevention Program) at Granger and Clark schools with Alma Benton and Jean Bitgood. They said the program went well at both schools. Last on the agenda, Bruno reported on AIDS.

He said, "All staff members at AHS, Junior High, Middle School, and elementary schools have had an informative session on AIDS education. We have formed a committee consisting of a home economics teacher, school and town nurses, and a health teacher at AHS and Junior High. They (the committee) have gone to the training courses to learn to address AIDS within the school system. They want to get students, clergy and parents involved from the AHS to have an AIDS Awareness Day or work on giving the students basic information on the transmittal of the virus."

"However, English and physical education are the only two courses that the students at AHS all take. This is why we must find a way to contact each student. We may have to introduce a new course," Bruno concluded.

James Clark PTO Slates Final '88 Meeting March 15

The James Clark PTO will hold its final general meeting Tuesday, March 15th, at 7:00 p.m. A brief business meeting will be followed by speaker John Brosnan, director of Special Services in Agawam. He will discuss programs available to Agawam students.

An invitation is extended to all Agawam parents. Refreshments will be served.

Childhood Advisory Council Releases Proposals

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The School Department's Early Childhood Advisory Council released a list of proposals they have developed from studies since October assessing community needs and resources. The council was appointed to gather and complete this information necessary for the Town of Agawam to apply for early childhood implementation funds under Chapter 188.

Special Education assistant director Cindy Joyce, who chairs the council, said, "The community resource guide is presently being brought up to date, and should be finalized within the next three weeks. Needs assessments were expressed by parents, teachers, day care, and administrators in the community. From these studies, we have developed the following proposals:

I. To expand and enhance present early childhood program. Parents asked for assistance through workshops on behavioral strategies; such as, learning how to say no. We will offer workshops for parents.

II. To expand linkage between public and private early childhood settings, human service agencies, and home. We want to have a part-time resource person to coordinate all activities.

III. To provide teacher training for early childhood, kindergarten, and early elementary educators. We will continue to offer workshops for teachers.

IV. To enhance present kindergarten curriculum and provide updated materials. We would like to lower the student/teacher ratio in kindergarten. We will recommend that a teacher-assistant be placed in each of the kindergarten classes.

"At present, five informational workshops have been set up by the needs assessments," she continued.

March 16th, 7:00 p.m.: Kindergarten Registration And Screening. Speaker: Cindy Joyce and panel.

March 23rd, 7:30 p.m.: Fostering Independence And A Good Self-Image In Our Children. Speaker: Robert Dean, Ph.D., consultant for Agawam School System.

March 30th, 7:30 p.m.: Practical Home Behavioral

Strategies. Speaker: Joanne Murphy, supervisor for Residential Services—Hampden County Association of Retarded.

April 6th, 7:30 p.m.: School Strategies For Managing Misbehavior. Speakers: Darleen Woolson, counselor in Agawam; Susan Dukeshire, teacher in Agawam.

April 13th, 7:30 p.m.: Discussion Of Previous Sessions And Other Parent Concerns. Speakers: Darlene Woolson, Sue Moesley, Connie Finn, Early Childhood Advisory Council in Agawam.

These workshops will be presented each Wednesday at the Agawam Junior High cafeteria, and the format will be part lecture and part discussion.

Ms. Joyce added, "The kindergarten curriculum has been reviewed, and we feel it is appropriate." A booklet entitled *Come As You Are: Kindergarten for Nebraska's Children*, issued by the Nebraska State Department of Education, supports this opinion and defined kindergarten as "a place for children to gather to themselves a rich store of experiences that will improve their readiness for more formal school programs in the elementary grades and beyond." It discussed the compulsory attendance law for age requirements, screening, and developmental kindergartens. The kindergarten experiences were explained as "play being child's work" because it presented "the opportunity to learn" and was related to "readiness".

Ms. Joyce stated further, "The state department would like us to look further and become much more developmental. Teachers and School Committee members in Agawam feel they are doing these things already."

The grant information has to be finalized and submitted to the state by May 6th. Ms. Joyce said, "Hopefully we will be notified by the beginning of the summer (as to acceptance of the grant) so that we can plan to implement some of the ideas we have discussed."

Agawam High School Sets Parents' Night March 15th

The second Parents' Night of the year will be held Tuesday, March 15th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at which time parents of students who appear to be having difficulty with subjects should avail themselves of the opportunity of discussing problems with teachers.

Since several of the teachers use different rooms, please be certain that each student informs parents of his/her teachers' room numbers. Also because a large turnout is expected during the evening, it is necessary

that parents and teachers limit their conferences to a maximum of five minutes. Parents may also wish to confer with the guidance department and administration at this time. Feel free to come to the office for this purpose.

The administration urges parents to attend Parents' Night since 100 percent cooperation between parents and teachers is desirable and can only be accomplished by personal acquaintance.

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Educator Of The Month...

Janice DeFilipi Of Granger Elementary School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

When a child enters Janice DeFilipi's third grade class at Granger Elementary School, one of the first things they learn are "Mrs. De's Rules":

1) **I will be listened to.** When one person is talking the rest shall listen; 2) **I will be respected.** We won't make fun of anyone; 3) **I will be taken seriously.** Anyone can ask a question without fear that it is 'dumb' or others will laugh.

She said, "The rules are taken from *Learning Magazine* and I have modified them somewhat. I want to stress to the children the importance of education. At the onset of the year these rules help establish that the children are responsible for their behavior, their work, and their success. The most important thing is communicating with the parents and letting them know how important they are in this partnership."

Mrs. DeFilipi's 14-year teaching career has consisted of education at the first, second, and third grade level, but always at Granger School. Her husband, Robert DeFilipi, is a math teacher at West Springfield Junior High. She is an Agawam resident and both her children attend Robinson Park Elementary School. She stressed, "We feel Michael and Susan receive a very good education at Robinson. I think Agawam has a good quality of education throughout the system."

Mrs. DeFilipi received her master's degree at Westfield State College, and took courses in special education as her minor. Her caring, yet confident manner with the children convey her versatility with skill of her profession. She is presently working on a computer certification.

In 1986-87, she received a Horace Mann Grant for a computer program she taught her third graders that year. She trained parent aides to assist her with the program entitled, "Improving Writing Skills Through The Use Of Computers."

"The goals and objectives of the program were to

improve writing skills and the creative process; to gain a basic working knowledge of the word processor; and to provide more individualized writing instruction per pupil."

She added, "We had to go to the Junior High School to use the computers, but the children learned to control the computers and really enjoyed it. We do need a room in the school to be able to teach computers at the elementary level, though. It was difficult traveling back and forth with all our materials."

This year Mrs. DeFilipi has Westfield State College student teacher Laurie Greene with her class. "It's good to have a qualified person doing such a great job with the students," said Mrs. DeFilipi.

"I am also team teaching with Mary O'Keefe (Granger teacher) this year for science and social studies. We alternate subjects each marking term. The children have a science notebook which provides some note-taking and writing practice. We are using some 'hands-on' material and doing experiments to encourage the children to predict and analyze what happens. This also makes science more exciting for them. Mrs. O'Keefe is a very capable third grade teacher who also enhances the positive attitude of her children through dedication and commitment."

She commented further, "It is nice to work with a principal who will let us do these innovative things and teach the way we enjoy it. I feel third grade is a turning point in elementary school because the child learns to study independently, to take notes, and take multiplication tables, division facts, and cursive writing. Granger is fortunate to have so many qualified, educated teachers."

Principal James H. Loomis said, "Jan DeFilipi was an outstanding student teacher, and she is still the same as a teacher. She is a good thinker and cares about the kids and people in general. She is the kind of person you want to take home to meet mom and dad."

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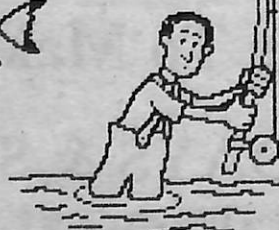
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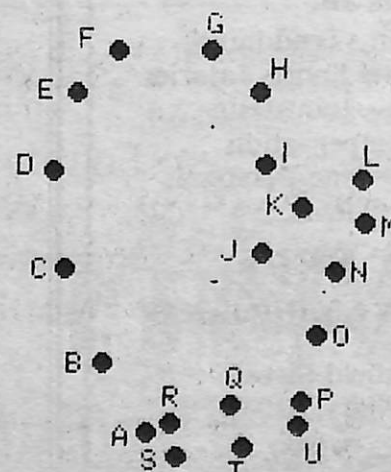
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Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, March 14th: Pepperoni pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, March 15th: Steamed frankfort in roll, buttered seven minute cabbage, parsley oven roast potatoes, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday, March 16th: Meatballs in sauce, buttered macaroni, green beans, garlic bread, chocolate cake with icing, or fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, March 17th: St. Patrick's Day. Oven baked chicken nuggets, steamed rice, peas and carrots, wheat bread and butter, pistachio pudding with topping, milk.

Friday, March 18th: Oven baked fish nuggets, potato puffs, creamy cole slaw, bread and butter, ice cream, milk.

March Calendar At Library For Elementary Children

The Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, has listed the following fun events for elementary school aged children:

AFTER SCHOOL FUN

Thursday, March 10th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., featuring facts and demonstrations from our favorite science books.

AFTER SCHOOL SHOW

Friday, March 18th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., live performance by wonderful storyteller Milbre Burch. Don't miss this event. Milbre performed a few years ago for our Summer Reading Club, and everybody loved her.

PUPPET SHOW

Wednesday, March 30th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Agawam's own Judith O'Hare will bring her "You and Me" puppet theatre for the show "Jessica's Friends." This is another not-to-be-missed hour. People have been asking for another "You and Me" show ever since last year's performance of "Hansel and Gretel." Call the Library to register for these programs, 789-1550.

Note of thanks: The storyteller and puppet show have been funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

More Family Programs At Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, is currently accepting registrations for a variety of family programs designed to increase your enjoyment of spring. Pre-registration is required three days in advance of each program.

"Sugarin' Off," Saturday, March 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon will acquaint you with the art of maple sugaring. This age-old example of New England agricultural ingenuity is still alive and tasty in the hills of western Massachusetts.

The morning will begin with a hearty breakfast of pancakes and fresh maple syrup. A visit to a sugaring house active since the turn of the century will follow. The program takes place in the hilltown of Chesterfield. Directions will be sent after registration. The non-member fees are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, non-members; Massachusetts Audubon member fees are \$6 for adults, and \$4 for children.

"Watching For Woodcocks," Saturday, April 9th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., begins with an indoor introduction to these interesting birds and their unusual courtship ritual. The "peent" of the woodcock is a sure sign that spring is near. A short trip to a nearby field to observe their spectacular mating dance will follow. Children are welcome, but must be able to sit quietly for approximately one-half hour during the observation period. Fees for the program are \$3 for Mass. Audubon

Society members, and \$4 for non-members.

"Spring Serenade," Friday, April 15th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., will focus on our local amphibians. Spring peepers and wood frogs are among the earliest spring singers in local wetlands. This time of year, frogs, toads, and salamanders return to swamps and ponds to mate and lay their eggs.

The breeding season gives people a chance to observe these common but often unnoticed animals. A brief indoor introduction will be followed by a trip outside to experience this spring serenade. Put on your galoshes and get ready for a different kind of Friday night! Fees for the program are \$3 for Mass. Audubon Society members, and \$4 for non-members.

"Turtle Talk," Friday, April 22nd, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., will tell you for once and all that, contrary to the many cartoons we've seen, turtles cannot leave their shells.

This two-hour program will replace this and other myths with fact as you learn about Laughing Brook's resident turtles. Representatives of both aquatic and woodland species will be on hand for a close look. Fees for the program are \$3 for Mass. Audubon Society members, and \$4 for non-members.

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Pre-registration and payment are required and must be received at least one week before the start of the course. For further information, please call the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, 732-3080.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

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March 6th-12th is Girl Scout Week, and this year's celebration focuses on the theme, **TAKE THE LEAD!**, emphasizing an important object of Girl Scouting—to prepare young women to become tomorrow's leaders.

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This year to celebrate Scouting's birthday, Agawam Girl Scouts will be wearing carnations throughout the week to give moral support and show their concern for a sister Girl Scout who is seriously ill and has undergone surgery. We all hope that she is on the road to recovery and that she will be able to join us in troop activities soon.

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Sports

Post-Season Review Of AHS Wrestling: State Title Says It All: Awesome!!!

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

When we published our "Winter Sports Preview" last December, we stated that this year's Agawam High wrestling team would not match the powerhouse team of 1986-87.

But the Brownies proved us wrong. And how. You would think after winning its second straight Western Mass. title, which included five individual champions, that this talented group would be satisfied - no way. They wanted it all.

And they got it. The Brownies stormed into huge Brockton High School and left as the Massachusetts Division I champs, the school's first in this sport and its second state title of this academic year (girls' soccer was the first). Agawam totaled 115 points while Woburn, the Eastern Mass. power, grabbed 101 points.

Last year the Brownies placed third overall after winning the Western Mass. Division I title.

The Brownies had six grapplers place at the meet (top six), highlighted by senior Tom Cascio's individual crown at 135-pounds. The locals also took second, third, and three six-place finishers. It was a day the entire town could be proud of.

"Hey. What can I say about this team? These guys never gave up," said long-time coach Phil Tomkiel. "I just can't say enough about their effort. One of the keys for us was that we had an exceptional first round (preliminaries) and that got us going. From there it was just a matter of wrestling to our potential. And most of the guys did."

That first round Tomkiel referred to saw the Brownies win seven of 12 matches - seven by fall. Then the three schoolboys that didn't win went on to the winner's circle in the first consolation round. So, every AHS wrestler scored at least one team point.

The locals burned the field for 32 points in the first round, 16 more than any other team in the field (which featured 52 teams). The Brownies went on to take 30 points in the quarterfinals, and 24 points in the semifinals (15 more in the consolations) to give them 111 points. Cascio then picked-up four more points in the finals to make it 115.

It was a nice way for the seniors to go out from AHS wrestlings. Several of this group as juniors a year ago finished third in the state after the team led going into the final round. This year they finished the job.

As for how all the AHS grapplers fared at the state tournament, here are the results in each weight class:

112 pounds - Michael Phelps - lost to Jim McSweeney of Melrose, 8-4, in round one; beat Jeff Kenney of Marshfield in consolations, 8-6; lost to Westfield's Mark Rokosz, 13-2 - did not place.

119-pounds - Joe Walz - lost to Sean Kiley of Metheun, 6-3 in first round (Kiley was state champ); pinned Joe Russell of Cambridge in consolation; lost to Cathedral's Angel Riviera, 4-0, in first round - did not place.

125 pounds - Jim Pirro - pinned Eric Nader of Metheun in first round; pinned Dave Jansen of Braintree, second round; was pinned by Burlington's Bubba Castelano after being ahead on points in third round; beat Dave Vining of Plymouth Carver, 4-0 in fourth round; pinned Paul Sipes of Lowell - placed third.

130 pounds - Frank Demarinis - lost to Craig Weston of Plymouth Carver, 7-0; lost to Winchester's Glen Dougherty, 11-4 - did not place.

135 pounds - Tom Cascio - (SEE RELATED STORY).

140 pounds - Alan Boucher - pinned Chris Hutt of Marshfield; was pinned by eventual champion Ralph Lyman of Billerica; beat Pat Carney of Greater Lowell

Vocational, 6-3; lost to Woburn's Pat Keough, 7-5 - did not place.

145 pounds - Mike Gasteyer - pinned Kevin Cummings of Catholic Memorial; beat Mike Furey of Greater Lowell Voke, 12-4; lost to David Joseph of Woburn, 9-8; was defaulted by injury in two matches - placed sixth.

152 pounds - Bill Berte - pinned Joe Messina of Central Catholic; lost to Todd Davis of Framingham North, 15-0, technical fall; pinned Bill Sullivan of Brockton; lost to Steve Feeney of Lowell - did not place.

160 pounds - Tony Langone - pinned Dave Kane of Burlington; pinned Eric Braiser; beat Mike Spelman of Reading, 11-4; finals - lost to Donald Gautreau of Melrose, 6-4 - place second.

171 pounds - Jeff Retzler - pinned Mike Semonian of Marshfield; lost to Walley DiGesse of Woburn, 8-1; beat Mike Bertarelli of Brockton, 4-2; pinned Scott Speigner of St. John's Prep; then lost two matches by close scores of 3-1 and 2-0 - did not place.

Rich DiLullo - beat Fernando Fernandez, 7-2; lost to Mike Cassano of Central Catholic, 11-3; lost to Karl Rideout of Shawshean Regional, 2-0 - did not place.

Heavyweight - Scott Mazza - pinned Pat Keough of Metheun; beat Gary George of Brockton, 11-3; was pinned by eventual winner and number one seed Eric Frubese of Chelmsford; was pinned by Mike Frubattuk of Reading; lost to Steve Medeiros of Braintree, 6-1 - placed sixth.

"All the guys wrestled fantastic," noted Tomkiel, who was named "Coach of the Year" after the tournament. "They are a special bunch of kids."

Also, they're the Massachusetts Division I champions.

One Of School's All-Time Greats...

135-Pound State Champ Tom Cascio Hammers-Out His Own AHS Legacy

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

His name will be long remembered in Agawam High School wrestling history. He did something that only two previous schoolboys had accomplished on the mats in AHS history. He was part of an amazing winning streak that scaled 43 dual-meet matches, all of which he participated in.

That's senior Tom Cascio.

Cascio just finished a stellar career on the mats with one of the finest overall seasons ever by an individual at the school. The muscular 135-pounder won 29 straight matches this year, capping it with both the Western Mass. and State titles, both for himself and his team.

"Tom was a good wrestler from day one," says coach Phil Tomkiel, who first saw Cascio as a 128-pound freshman. "He has progressed and matured with each passing year. He has always responded during the post-season. He was just outstanding this year. He's worked for everything he got."

Winning the State title has put Cascio into an elite group - a group that now numbers three. The first AHS grappler to take a State crown was Gerry Mason at 140 pounds in 1979. Five years later heavyweight Al Ingham accomplished the feat, not once, but twice. Now, three years later, Cascio has etched his name on this rare list.

Cascio came to AHS wrestling as a freshman. After growing up playing baseball and football, he tried a new sport - wrestling. Actually, he was introduced and persuaded to try-out for the mat team by a friend, Jim Frasco, a former wrestler for AHS who now attends Western New England College.

Cascio started paying his dues as a freshman in the 128-pound weight class on the junior varsity. He went on to post an 8-0 record. It was evident to Tomkiel this kid had tons of potential.

Cascio came back his sophomore year and won the 128-pound slot on the varsity. He really began to blossom as he posted a solid 10-1-1 record. His only dual-meet loss in his entire career at AHS was to Westfield's Glen Lusignan that year. He went on to finish third in Western Mass. and fifth in the state.

As a junior Cascio went up a weight class - 135-pounds. He went undefeated (15-0), as did the

Brownies, and he won both the Christmas Tournament at AHS and the Commonwealth Cup in Lowell. In the Western Mass. Tournament he defeated Westfield's Darin Girard in the finals to annex his first title. He then finished fourth in the state.



TOM CASCIO

This brings us to this year. And what a year it was for Cascio and his teammates. Before the winter wrestling season, Cascio was a two-way player and a big part of the Agawam High football team (8-1-1 record). On offense he averaged 5.2 yards per carry as a tailback, but was best remembered for his ferocious play on special teams on defense. His nickname, "Captain Crash," was well-earned.

Coming into the mat season it appeared as though he was again one of the best in the area. He didn't disappoint. Cascio again won the Christmas Tournament at AHS and the 135-pound crown at the Commonwealth Cup. Meanwhile he was breezing through regular match opponents for a perfect 16-0 record, the same mark the team had in dual-meets.

He earned the number one seed in the WMass Tournament and facing him in the finals was a familiar and old foe, Glen Lusignan of Westfield, the cause of the only blemish on his dual-meet record at AHS. The match had more meaning to him than people may have thought.

"It was in the back of my mind that he had beaten me once before," Cascio now says, "but I was just concentrating on the match itself."

In a true struggle, Cascio posted a 10-9 victory. He was one of five Brownie wrestlers to win an individual title, and the Brownies had their second straight WMass title.

The State Tournament in Brockton now faced AHS where the best of the best in the Commonwealth had gathered - just where Cascio belonged. He was the top seed at this tournament and he went all the way to the finals to face another familiar face, Chris Ryan of Woburn. The two met in January's Commonwealth Cup and Cascio got the better of that deal, 8-3.

In this match Cascio's aggressive style earned him a 4-1 lead after the first period. He continued his relentless pressure to lead 6-3 after the second period. In the final period he out-pointed Ryan, 5-3, to take a commanding leading.

And as the finals seconds ticked off, Cascio picked up Ryan and draped him over his shoulders with one arm while raising his other arm in the air in victory as the buzzer went off to end the battle.

Cascio leaves no doubt that winning the State Title was far and away better than his two Western Mass. Titles. "Taking the State crown is much more satisfying because the competition is much harder and all the matches are more intense."

"The talent here at the school has been excellent, but our coaching is even better. Coach Tomkiel and coach (Gary) Geiger have been fantastic over the years. And we have had such good friendship each year. Togetherness really makes a difference," adds Cascio.

Cascio says Tomkiel, Geiger, and his friend, Jim Frasco, all impacted his schoolboy career, but particularly Frasco, who "talked me into going out for the team."

Four years later, Cascio's name will be forever inscribed in the school's history.

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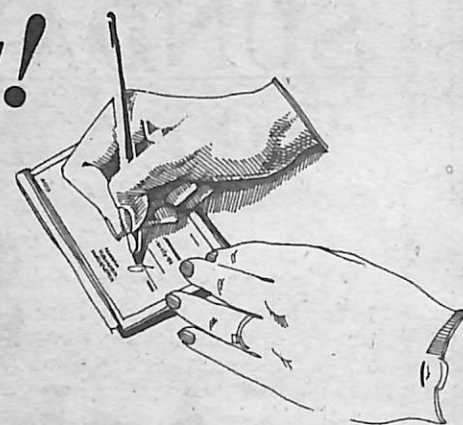
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Division I Girls' Semifinals...

Comp Has Too Much Firepower For AHS Girls' Hoop Team, 58-39

- by Michael S. Sardella - Sports Editor

This was a classic case of heavy favorite and underdog going head-to-head. Top seeded and undefeated Chicopee Comp High, the favorite, met fourth seeded Agawam High - the underdogs.

The mountain the underdogs had to climb was just too high as Comp walked away with a convincing 58-39 victory in the semifinals of the Division I Western Mass. girls' basketball tournament at Cathedral High, Tuesday, March 8th.

The Brownies showed plenty of fight in the first half as they gave Comp all they could handle. But a late run in the second quarter seemed to spark Comp the rest of the way. After that the Brownies seemed mentally defeated and then physically the affect began to take hold.

And as Comp's relentless front line pressed the attack, the game went from being a close one to just a matter of the clock winding down and making it one for the books.

The major stumbling block for AHS was dealing with Comp's dynamic duo of seniors Tracy Seymour and Cathy Sterner. Both dominated.

Seymour, who led the Valley League in scoring at a hefty 21.8 clip, finished her night's work with 21 points and 12 boards. But it was Sterner who finished the season with a 19.9 average who was the real thorn for AHS. Sterner had a truly monster game - 22 points, 28 rebounds, and four blocked shots.

Seymour began the game with an 8-foot turnaround banker in the opening seconds. But Brownie senior Becki Runshaw matched it with an 8-foot jumper from the right baseline moments later. Sterner then scored an inside hoop and Seymour followed with a steal and breakaway layup for a 6-2 lead.

Runshaw took a nice feed from sophomore Cathy Scaggs and flipped in a 6-footer from the left baseline to make it 6-4, but Comp got four more points from Seymour for a 10-4 advantage.

Junior point guard Lori DeSimone hit one of two foul

shots for AHS, but Sterner responded with an offensive rebound moments later. DeSimone followed with a neat 8-foot running banker from the left side, but Comp got four more points before the quarter's end for a 16-7 lead.

Agawam did show some extra effort in the closing moments of the quarter with three offensive rebounds. None found the net.

The best ball of the game by AHS was displayed in the second quarter. The Brownies stunned Comp with an eight-point run to cut the deficit to 16-15. DeSimone and junior Traci Trudel each hit one of two fouls shots, and Cathy Scaggs hit three straight hoops.

Scaggs' first came on a 6-footers in the lane. She followed that with a defensive rebound and a coast-to-coast drive for two points. After another Comp miss, Scaggs took a feed from sophomore Karen Patterson and flipped in a 5-footer over Sterner to make it 16-15 with about three minutes left in the half.

Sterner stopped the run and Comp's five minute draught with an inside hoop after another offensive rebound. Scaggs came right back with an offensive board and hoop of her own (18-17) with 1:50 remaining. Then Comp went on an 8-2 run to close the half and go into the lockerroom with the momentum clearly back in its favor.

This change in venue continued in the third quarter when the Brownies began to slip under the constant pounding by Seymour and Sterner. Comp's confidence was definitely on a high as the Brownies went in the other direction.

"I thought we played a decent first half but that run of theirs at the end of the quarter really hurt us," said coach Lou Conte, who has really done wonders with this program in the two years he's had it. "We lost confidence in the third quarter and the girls started to get a little tired. We tried to keep the lead in single digits but we just couldn't do it."

Comp came out and netted the third quarter's first

four points for a 30-19 lead, while a tough press seemed to confuse the locals, thereby forcing turnovers. Trudel got Agawam's first hoop of the second half with 5:40 to go on a fast break layup (off a nifty pass from DeSimone), but Comp answered with a seven-point chain for a 37-21 lead.

Runshaw and Scaggs each had a hoop before the quarter's end, but Comp went to the bench at the buzzer with a 39-25 lead and were in firm control.

Patterson opened the final quarter with two free throws to make it a 12-point deficit. That was as close as the Brownies would come the rest of the way. Seymour and Sterner did their version of the inside show and Scaggs picked up three fouls in just over two minutes (two of which were questionable).

Comp kept its comfortable lead until the final buzzer. Scaggs was charged with two more fouls and left with the maximum of five with 1:52 remaining. She played a tough game with 10 points and 9 boards in battling both Seymour and Sterner under the glass.

DeSimone had 10 points and 5 rebounds but never got into the offensive groove which had supplied her with a nice 15.0 average during the regular season. Trudel had 7 points and bounds, and Runshaw, in her last game for the orange and brown, ended with 6 points/5 boards.

"Overall, I thought the girls played hard and I'm proud of them," said Conte. "Against the better teams you have to do everything right. We were not able to make things tick in this one. But I was pleased with the effort the girls put in."

In the Division I quarterfinals, the Brownies pasted Amherst in a home game, 56-43.

After a 24-24 first half, the Brownies outscored the Hurricanes 32-19 in the second half for a nice victory.

Karen Patterson led the way with a season-high 16 points, including two three-point bombs, her first two of the season. Trudel followed with 12 points, and DeSimone added 10. Scaggs and Runshaw chipped in 7 apiece.

Robert Vandergrift Completes WNEC Basketball Season

Robert Vandergrift, a freshman from Agawam, recently completed the season as a member of the Western New England College men's basketball team. Vandergrift concluded his first year on the team.

Vandergrift, a 6'5" center, finished the year in a reserve role for the 13-11 Golden Bears under coach Peter Broaca.

Vandergrift attended Agawam High School where

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Vandergrift is the son of James & Barbara Vandergrift of Agawam.

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Session: March 28th to May 31st (No class May 30th)

Time: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "A"

Program Fee: \$20 per person (No refunds)

Instructor: Will Fortini

****Please note:** The final class will be held Tuesday, May 31st, instead of Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day).

Women's Volleyball:

This is the final volleyball program before the summer break. A free swim is optional after the class.

Session: March 28th to May 31st (No class May 30th)

Time: Mondays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Agawam Junior High School Gym "B"

Program Fee: \$20 per person (No refunds)

Instructor: Willie Fortini

****Please note:** The final class will be held Tuesday, May 31st, instead of Monday, May 30th (Memorial Day).

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Division I Boys' Quarterfinals...

AHS Boys Crush Amherst, 90-65

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' basketball team played perhaps one of its finest games of the season in the quarterfinal round of the Western Mass. Division I tournament.

The Brownies displayed all the elements of being a fine-tuned hoop machine as they ran the ball well, showed patience on offense, played solid defense, and rebounded well against a much bigger team. In recent weeks the Brownies' hoop machine had none of the relentless efficiency shown vs. Amherst.

The result was true carnage, a 90-65 victory over the visiting Hurricanes, Friday, March 4th. The win for AHS (16-5) advanced them to the semifinal round vs. Central High (12-6), which took place a presstime, Wednesday, March 9th, at the Springfield Civic Center. Central is the defending state Division I champs, but the Brownies had already defeated them during the regular season.

However, Central is a much improved team since then.

The win over Amherst (11-7) was an entertaining one for the packed gym of AHS supporters, although many boisterous Hurricane fans made the trip. Leading the way offensively was senior Jeff Peterson, who came in as the Valley Wheel scoring leader (19.0). Peterson scorched them for 24 points. Senior guard Jim Lockwood added 18 points and 5 assists, and ran the offense most efficiently.

"We got off to a good start in this one and that got us going in the right direction," said three-year coach Mike Martin afterwards. "We played a little sloppy at times, but overall it was a solid effort. The guys had patience on offense and they did an excellent job defensively. It was a good win for us."

The locals jumped to a 21-15 first quarter lead as senior Mike DiLullo netted 7 points to pace the attack. Amherst guard Peter Mason, who came into the game averaging 15.3, scored 6 to keep his team close.

The second quarter was a big one for the locals as their lead grew into double figures. Three minutes into the session, Agawam went on a 13-5 run for a 34-20 advantage. Lockwood started it with a fast-break layup. DiLullo nailed a three-point bomb. Peterson flipped-in an inside hoop. Erich Fogg dropped four free throws, and steady senior Chris Ollari scored after

three offensive rebounds.

After a timeout, Amherst stayed even with the Brownies for the rest of the quarter. Peterson had 6 and Lockwood added 4 to keep Agawam's lead well into the comfort zone. By the half it was 46-31.

Agawam's 15-point cushion remained the same after the next eight minutes. It was a see-saw third quarter as the Brownies went up by as many as 23 with two minutes left, but a 9-1 run by the Hurricanes while the Brownies got into the slop zone left it at 62-47 at the buzzer.

Mason exploded for Amherst in the quarter with 14 points. The smooth-shooting guard scored his team's final 9 points, including two three-pointers, the second of which was a buzzer-beater. It did quiet the home crowd but the visitors still had a huge 15-point deficit looking at them.

The Hurricanes scored the first two in the last period to make it an 11-1 run, but that was it. The Brownies put the hammer down with an 11-2 chain to take a 73-51 lead with under five minutes to go. Senior Jeff Reece rebounded a missed shot and layed it in. Peterson hit one of two foul shots. Lockwood scored a fast break layup and added a foul shot. Reece scored again from the inside, and Peterson drove through the lane with gusto for a bucket.

The rest of the quarter was garbage time as the locals outscored the visitors by a 15-14 margin in up-and-down action.

The Brownies' team play was too much for Amherst, which was led by bomber Mason with a game-high 29 points. Peterson grabbed 7 boards to go with his 24 points (had several blocked shots). DiLullo netted 10 points and dished-off 5 assists. Reece had 5 points and 8 bounds. John Serra added 6 points and 7 bounds, and Ollari (8), Aaron Vanderhoof (6), and Fogg's 10 points off the bench clearly gave the Brownies the dominant advantage. Speedy sophomore guard Jason Wooley also had some inspired minutes as well.

"We didn't finish the season that strong and this game got us out of that little slump," said Martin afterwards. "Hopefully we'll be able to keep up this kind of play a few more games."

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BAYWEST HOCKEY PLAYERS pictured with members of the Springfield Indians (back - Kevin Herom, Roydon Gunn, and Todd McClellan. Team members are standing - Jay Brusco, Ed Culver, Dan Snaj, Anthony Angelini, Chris Eitel, Dennis Egan, Neil White, and Jimmy Welch. Kneeling: Dan McCarthy, Richard (Murph) Wheeler), Brendan Murray, Dan Moriarty, Mike Carestia, Kevin Willard, and Chris Garrity. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Baywest's 10-11 Hockey Team Has Tough Feb.

Baywest's 10-11 Hockey Team fell on hard times going into February.

On January 28th they fell to Enfield, 6-5. Scoring for Baywest was Steve Willett, 1 goal, 2 assists; Derek Willett, 1 goal, 1 assist; Paul Braccialarghe, 1 goal; Chris Newbrough, 2 goals; Sean Szczygiel, 1 assist; and Sean Navone, 1 assist.

January 31st saw Baywest fall 4-0 to first place Westfield.

February 7th saw Baywest down Nonotuck Valley, 4-1. Chris Newbrough had 2 goals; Sean Szczygiel, 1 goal, 2 assists; Randy Miller, 1 goal, 3 assists; and Matt Perodeau, 1 assist in Baywest's win.

February 14th was a losing effort, 4-3, vs. Amherst. Steve Willett had 1 goal, 1 assist; Derek Willett, 1 goal, 1 assist; and Sean Szczygiel, 1 goal.

On February 20th, Baywest fell, 3-2, to W.T.M. Derek Willett and Sean Szczygiel notched 1 goal apiece

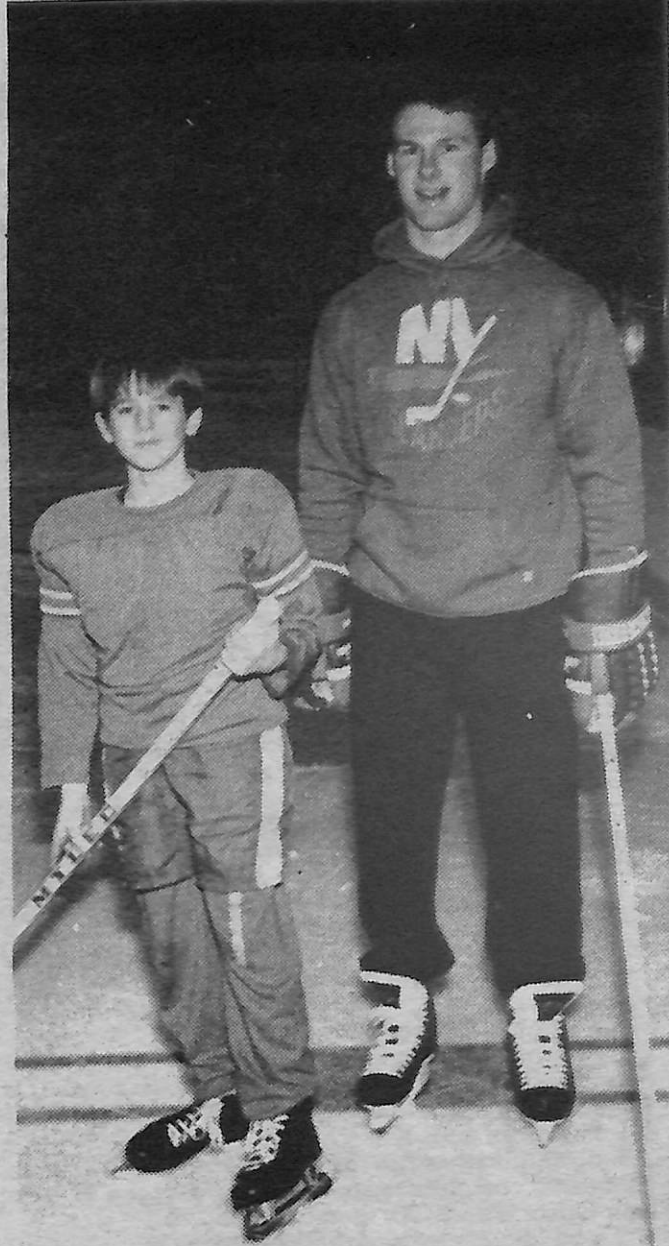
while Steve Willett, Paul Braccialarghe, and Randy Miller chipped in with 1 assist each.

On February 21st, Greenfield slipped by Baywest, 4-3. Matt Gromaski and Chris Newbrough had an assist each, while Steve Willett, Randy Miller, and Sean Szczygiel bagged 1 goal each.

February 27th was a 1-1 deadlock with W.T.M., as Chris Newbrough scored the tying goal with two minutes left in the game. Randy Miller assisted on the score.

On February 28th, Greenfield handed Baywest a 4-1 loss. Derek Willett scored Baywest's lone goal. The assist was credited to hard-working defenseman Matt Gromaski.

On February 29th, Baywest began its play-off slate and was pinned with a 3-1 loss to Enfield, on Enfield's home ice. Steve Willett scored Baywest's lone goal.



YOUNG SKATER KEVIN WILLARD of Agawam (left) pictured with a member of the Springfield Indians. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

BayWest Hockey Team Has Clinic With Spfld. Indians

The 11-13 BayWest hockey team, coached by Bob Carestia and Rich Moriarty, enjoyed a one-hour hockey clinic with players from the Springfield Indians.

The one-hour ice time was bought for the team by Agawam native Marnie Johnson, who won the bidding in last year's Channel 57 auction.

Indian defenseman Kevin Herom, wing Todd McClellan, and goaltender Roydon Gunn provided the young skaters with pointers and drills to help them improve their skills and knowledge of the game. The Indians, players, and parents watching all had a great time.

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St. Mike's Continues To Pace Tri-Parish Bowling League

St. Michael's (1st place-11 wins) continues to astound the bowling world as the Round Three pace-setters in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League. This just goes to show that every dog has its day, and right now, St. Mike's, a much criticized and humbled team in recent years, is having its day in the sun.

The run of St. Mike's continued in week three as Boston College (10th place-3 wins) was the latest victim. St. Mike's winners were JANICE MOCCIO (295) and JOE RESCIGNO (290-biggest win of the match by 27 pins). St. Mike's captain MIKE O'CONNELL lost by 11 pins to BC captain LARRY VIENS (296). The other BC winner was JAY LAGODITZ (254).

One thing should be noted about St. Mike's - the scores of this match were not good but they still managed to win. That really hasn't happened to them in the past when everyone feasted on them.

Another much-maligned team this year, Villanova (2nd place-9 wins) is desperate to make the playoffs again this year. They split with Holy Cross (7th place-6 wins). Villanova only had one winner, STELLA BARBIERI (273), but by 20 pins. HC winners included RON PROVOST (293-284 over MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN), CHRIS "Don't Call Me Step" STEPANIAN, and captain GEORGE LANE, a 309-304 victory over FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO. Although he did lose, ole Frankie still hung-in there pretty tough, thereby enabling his team to gain the split.

Round One and Round Two kingpins, St. Louis (6th place-6 wins) are stumbling around this round somewhat (waiting for the Grand Championships to start, no doubt). They split with Fordham (3rd place-8 wins).

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Auto Craft Sales Finishes 8-2 Indoor Season



THE AGAWAM UNDER-12 boys' Indoor Soccer League Team has completed its season with an impressive 8-2 record. The team is sponsored by Auto Craft Sales. The team finished second in the league.

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St. Lou winners were CINDY KOZAK (313-big night for her), JIM MCNAMEE (287), TOM BURR (but he only defeated RENEE JURY, a rejuvenated Renee Jury, 315-314). In a big upset in the battle of the captains, substitute KATHY PRZESZLO defeated world-beater DEBBIE POIRIER, 329-317. Fordham also got a good effort from BOB PICKETT in a losing effort to Cindy Kozak (301). All-in-all, if Fordham continues this kind of effort, they'll be fighting for the round championship.

The bye team this week was Loyola (4th place-7 wins). However, the bye-team jinx is back as only GAIL BLAIR with a 260 was able to meet her average. The losers of the bye match were RICK KOZAK, JEAN BUONICONTI, and captain STEVE ROVITHIS.

Georgetown (5th place-7 wins) feasted on the new league patsies, St. Mary (last place-2 wins). G-Town winners included PAUL LAGODITZ (269), CHERYL PRZESZLO (279), and captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO, with a monster night of 372. He broke the seasonal high single of 154 (set last week) with a whopping 174. He also holds the seasonal high triple 387. Subbing for St. Mary captain FRED MORASSI was TONY KOZAK, who did a nice job with a 327. But he was no match for "The Fearsome One."

Finishing up the night was Notre Dame with a three-win night over St. Anselm. ND is in 8th place (5 wins) and St. A's s floundering in 9th place with 4 wins. ND winners were TOM GEAUGHAN (307-51 pin victory), ESTHER DEPALO (297), and capain JOHN RESCIGNO (309). He defeated captain VI MASSOIA (300). The only St. A's winner was STEVE DEVANEY (a slim, 269-266 win over TERRY CERPOVICZ).

Ruggerio Wins Modified Opener

Reggie Ruggiero of Forestville, Connecticut, made everyone aware of the fact that he is going to be the number one contender on the NASCAR Winston Modified Tour for the 1988 Championship. That quest began with the first tour event of the season at Orange County Speedway, Rougemont, North Carolina. Ruggiero, driving the Teddy Bear Pools Pontiac, secured a victory of \$4,375 for the 150-lap Winston Modified Tour 250.

Forty-eight NASCAR Winston Modified Tour competitors began the search of the Busch Pole as Satch Worley set the fastest time at 13:482. Satch started on the pole and led the first 54 laps. Mike McLaughlin took the lead with an inside move off turn four and held on until he pitted under caution.

Rookie tour driver Tom Bolles took the lead and was pressured heavily by Brian Ross. Ross tangled with a lap car and was forced out, bring out one of five minor cautions.

On lap 144, Bolles got sideways off turn four as Ruggiero took the lead and held on to the checker.

Following Ruggiero to the checker was McLaughlin. Third was Bolles. Fourth was Worley. Rounding out the top five was Rick Fuller.

Fuller started the feature in the 26th position. Rounding out the top 10 (from a 21st starting spot) were Dave Rzesendes, Jay Hedgecock, Mike Stefanik, Jeff Fuller, and Carl Pasteryak.

Defending NASCAR Winston Modified Tour Champion Jim Spencer had a tough day after losing a tire in second day time trials. The car was damaged and Spencer drove the Mammolito Cavalier in the feature. Spencer also had problems with this car and was involved in another mix-up late in the event.

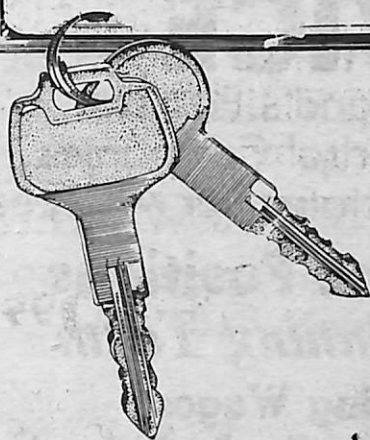
Tom Baldwin also ran up-front until he developed suspension problems. Bolles, of Ellington, Connecticut, was the deserving winner of the Speedway Scene, "Richie Evans Outstanding Performance Award."

The next event on the NASCAR Winston Modified Tour is at the Martinsville Speedway, Sunday, March 13th. This Miller High Life Classic has a posted purse in excess of \$70,015 for 200 laps.



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Riverside Preps For March 26th Opener

What do Geoff Bodine, Bob Polverari, Ron Bouchard, John Rosati, Ken Bouchard, Mike McLaughlin, Brett Bodine, Reggie Ruggiero, Ed Flemke and hundreds of others have in common? As one looks at the record books at Riverside Park Speedway, the answer is simple. All of these great drivers have competed at Riverside Park Speedway over the last 10 years.

On March 26th, at 6:30 p.m., race fans and competitors from all over New England will be writing a new chapter in the new record book for Riverside. It is almost unheard of for a new race facility to be rebuilt in the 1980's. Riverside has approached the racing market with a major renovation program in 1986 that made Riverside the most unique race facility of the 1980's.

And you, the race fan, competitor, and media are a key ingredient in the new record book. All of the auto racing fraternity are invited to witness the third chapter in the historic restoration of the Riverside Speedway.

The March 26th opener event will be the "Eagle Snacks 100." It will be a program of many new ideas, such as a new Modified purse, a new VIP Owner and Driver Free Admission Club (the only race track in the country to offer such a deal), a cash refund on VIP Season Pass Tickets for rainouts, and the only track to

offer heat bonus money.

The March 26th program will feature the nation's leading Modified drivers. Expected are John Rosati, Mike Stefanik, Reggie Ruggiero, Mike McLaughlin, Stan Greger, Rick Fuller, SJ Evonsion, Bruce D'Alessandro, Wade Cole, Tom Bolles, and several others. All will be in search of the win and his name being in the history books as the first winner in the first Riverside event of the season. The "Eagle Snacks 100" will also be sponsored by Budweiser. Heat races in both divisions will pay \$100 for first.

First place will pay \$1,700; second, \$1,150; third, \$950; fourth, \$700; and fifth, \$600. Any Modified starting the feature will receive at least \$250. The Street Stocks will also be part of the program. First will pay \$300; second, \$200; third, \$160; fourth, \$145; and fifth, \$135. The Pro Stocks pay \$650 to win.

Pit fees for NASCAR members will be \$9. VIP Owners and Drivers with ID cards are free. General admission is family-priced at just \$8.95, with kids eight years and under only \$2. Season Passes are available for \$175.

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Free Practice Sessions Opens Riverside Racing

Riverside Park Speedway proudly opens its doors with two (tentative) free practice sessions for the NASCAR Winston Racing Series, Saturday, March 19th, and Saturday, March 26th. March 26th will feature the speedway opener, the "Eagle Snacks 100." The time for the practice session is from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., with gates opening at 12:45 p.m., on both Saturdays.

All of Riverside's three premiere divisions are welcome to attend both these free sessions.

Riverside Owners and Drivers Club members are free. The best news is still for the fans as spectators are welcome to attend the practices (also with no admission). All visitors will use the South Gate entrance only, and stay in the grandstand area only. All drivers of the Riverside Owners and Drivers Club are admitted to the

pits for free. Everyone else must pay a \$9 pit fee if they want to go into the pit area. They must be 16 years and older, and have a valid 1988 NASCAR license (available at the track).

Expected at the practice will be NASCAR Modifieds, Pro Stocks, and Street Stocks. The practice has the potential of attracting over 100 cars. It's the first and perfect opportunity to adjust to a green race track and adjust to the surface of Riverside.

The park officially opens its 1988 season March 26. It's a NASCAR family-priced event for just \$8.95. Riverside Park Speedway management is already preparing for the practice and opening. Already the snow has been removed by bucket loaders, and a new wheel fence and Reserved VIP seating section has been renovated.

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It would be safe to say that within 25 years, we will have reached the saturation point and very few trees will be noticeable in town. Luckily, we do have Robinson Park that's owned by the state. Who is to say what will happen in the future to the park as the money "grubbers" set out to remove all obstacles standing in their way of making enormous profits?

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The Mawaga Sporting Club, Inc., will hold its Annual Banquet April 9th, at the club house. Vice President Charlie Rogers is in charge of the affair. The tickets are limited to 100 and the affair is stag this year. Tickets will be sold to members first. If any are left, they will be sold to the public.

Jim Stefanik, chairman of the fishing derbies, has placed his order for trout for the pond. The derbies will be held April 10th, at 9:00 a.m., and May 15th at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served on those two dates from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.

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Dodge also stated that Riverside averaged 37 Modifieds, 32 Pro Stocks, and 67 Street Stocks on a weekly basis last year, and over 183,000 came out to witness the NASCAR races.

There are still some guidelines to the Owners' and Drivers' Club Free Admission program. The only time that the sign-up for free membership is available is Tuesday, March 8th, at 6:30 p.m., at Valle's Steak House, Springfield. (Same location as the Awards Banquet). No race fans, crew members, wives, etc. are permitted.

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Riverside opens with the Eagle Snacks 100 March 26th, at 6:30 p.m. Riverside will run a triple program featuring the Modifieds, Pros, and Streets.

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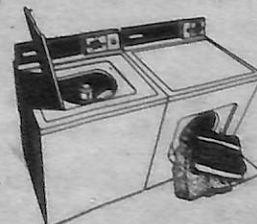
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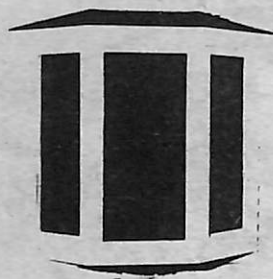
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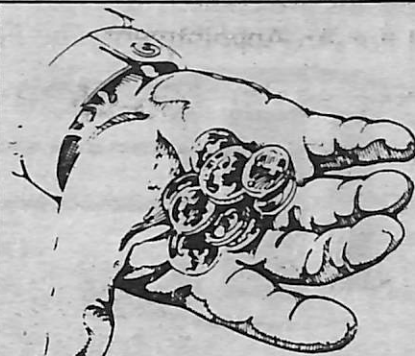
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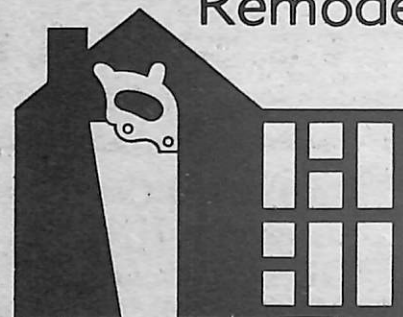
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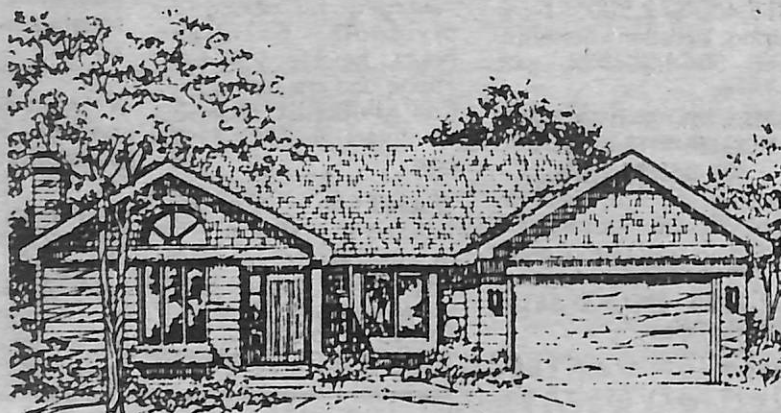


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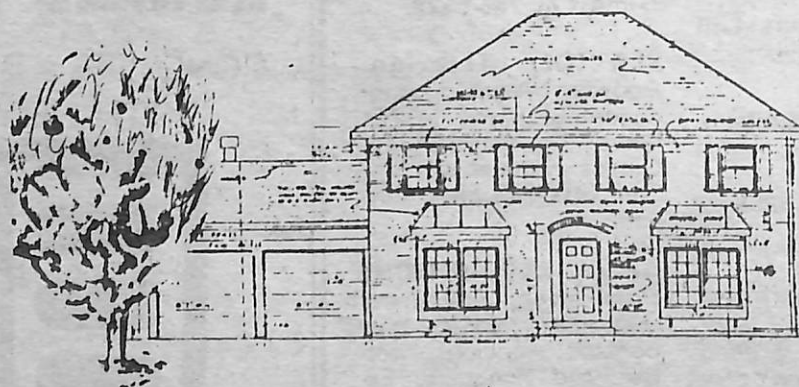
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